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PREFACE.

VOLUME III. of the Reprint of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge covers the years from 1811 to 1816, inclusive.

This Volume is probably more interesting than either of the preceding volumes. It contains much interesting matter in regard to the first Chestnut Street Hall, giving a full account of the dedication, the first meeting the Grand Lodge held in the Hall, as well as the music, addresses, and toasts at the various ceremonies attendant to the dedication. It also gives a full report of the committee in charge of the erection of the building.

It contains notices of the death of Brother Jonathan Bayard Smith, who was first elected Grand Master in 1788, and who served a number of terms; Brother Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, who was elected Grand Secretary in 1789, and who took a very active interest in the Grand Lodge for about thirty years, and Brother George A. Baker, who served as Grand Secretary for twenty years from 1796, and who was the first Grand Secretary to systematize the work of that office.

In the preparation of this volume, as in the preceding volumes, care has been taken to give an exact reproduction of the minutes, so far as it is possible to do the work in type. The compiler, seeking the advice of prominent literary people, who have been engaged in similar work, and consulting with his fellow members of the Committee on Library, has had the minutes printed just as they are recorded. In some instances misspelled words as well as grammatical errors occur, but the reader can feel sure they are printed in the book just as they are recorded in the original minutes.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th January, A. D. 1811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Peter Bob, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 52, 67, 70, 71, 73, 77, 84, 91, 103, 105, 108, 114 and 115 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication were read.

The Grand Secretary Reported that from the Quarterly Communication in September to the Quarterly Communication in December last he had received the following Monies on account of the Grand Lodge, Viz:

For Dispensation, ...	$135.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, . . .	24.57
For Books of Ahiman Rezon, . . .	10.
Of Lodge N°. 50, at West Chester, Dues .	115.30
Of Lodge N°. 110, at Connelsville, Dues .	27.82½
Total, . .	$312.69½

Which was Ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, of 10th September last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of 12th September, 1810, correcting an Error in their Annual Communication for 1809, in which they communicated that J—— A—— had been Expelled by Columbian Lodge for Fraud, &c., "which should have been for Base and Unmasonic Conduct." Ordered that the same be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of 6th November, 1809, and 7th May, 1810, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, of August last, was received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancient York Masons, of 10th May last, was received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The following Returns, &c., were received and read, Viz:

Lodge No. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r Norman Burroughs, W. M^r.; Bro^r. George A. Baker, jun^r., S. W.; Bro^r. James Cutbush, J. W.; Bro^r. John O'Brien, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Burden, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel Sykes, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Benjamin Morton, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas De Silver, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Wythe, Secretary; Bro^r. John Maull, Treasurer.

Lodge No 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Clyde, W. M.; Bro^r. Daniel McKaraher, S. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Scott, J. W.; Bro^r. John McArthur, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Rejection of L—— C—— and the Expulsions of W—— F——, G—— W—— and J—— C——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. James M. Linnard, W. M.; Bro^r. Daniel Pierson, jun^r., S. W.; Bro^r. Nathan R. Potts, J. W.; Bro^r. George C. Snyder, Secretary; Bro^r. William T. Donaldson, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 22, held at Sunbury. Return of Members.

Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster. Return of Members to 24 June last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge No. 46, held at Ephrata, Lancaster Co. Return of Members, containing the Expulsions of J—— C—— and J—— M^cE——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 50, held at West Chester, Chester County. Election Return of December, 1809, return^g. Bro^r. Isaac Darlington, W. M.; Bro^r. Caleb Bradley, S. W., Bro^r. Josiah Ankrim, J. W.; Bro^r. John Duer, jun^r., Secretary; Bro^r. Ephraim Buffington, Treasurer. Return of Members to December, 1809, containing the Expulsions of W—— W——, J—— N—— and G—— N——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge No. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Clement Lee Brady, W. M.; Bro^r. Brian Drum, Esqr., S. W.; Bro^r. John Conrad Helmbold, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Bussier, Esqr., Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 60, held at Browns Ville, Fayette County. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Robert Clarke, W. M.; Bro^r. Robert Patterson, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Beck, J. W.; Bro^r. John Sheldon, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas McKibben, Treasurer. Return of Members to June last, containing the Rejections of B—— S—— and J—— J——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Isaac Bowman, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Peter Yarington, S. W.; Bro^r. Charles Miner, Esqr., J. W.; Bro^r. Enoch Ogden, Treasurer; Bro^r. Jesse Fell, Esqr., Secretary.

Lodge No. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel Lippincott, T., W. M.; Bro^r. Lewis Taylor, S. W.; Bro^r. Lambert Keating, J. W.; Bro^r. Charles Cummens, Secretary; Bro^r. John Kinnan, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 70, held at Tioga Point, Luzerne County. Election Return of December, 1809, returning Bro^r. Elisha Satterlee, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Zephon Flower, S. W.; Bro^r. John Shepard, J. W.; Bro^r. David Paine, Secretary; Bro^r. Avery Gore, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Darragh, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Bozorth, S. W.; Bro^r. Henry Bolton, J. W.; Bro^r. John Johnson, Secretary; Bro^r. William Adams, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Adam Keyser, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Lambert, S. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Zeiss, J. W.; Bro^r. John Snyder, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Lewis Houard, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Lewis Marette, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Chauveau, J. W.; Bro^r. John B. Orso, Secretary; Bro^r. Lewis E. Fort, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. George E. Blake, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Samuel Badger, S. W.; Bro^r. George W. Bartram, J. W.; Bro^r. William Strickland, Secretary; Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Treasurer. Return of Members containing the Expulsion of W—— G. O——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Communication of the Re-instatement of Hugh Shannon, who was Expelled in 1809 for Non-payment of Dues.

Lodge N°. 100, held at Catawissa, Northumberland County. Election Return, returning, (of June last,) Bro^r. Stacy Margerum, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Philip Moyer, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Kline, J. W.; Bro^r. Isaiah Willits, Treasurer; Bro^r. Gabriel Lount, Secretary. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 101, held at Palms Town, Dauphin County. A Letter from the W. Master of said Lodge, dated the 3rd December last, directed to Brother Grand Secretary, was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"Having received information by Bro^r. George Wolfley, "who was in the City some Time since, that our Warrant is "forfeited, owing as we expect, to our delinquency in mak- "ing a Return of our Members and Dues to the *Grand* "*Lodge*, we would just wish to inform the *Grand Lodge* that "the Funds of our Lodge at present will not enable us to "send on our Dues, owing to the unsettled state of our "Treasurer's Accounts, whom we cannot bring to a settle- "ment unless compulsory means are had recourse to, for we "have frequently appointed Committees for the purpose of "making a final decision of the business, and have even "summoned him to attend a Committee in the Lodge Room "for settling the Accounts, and he has neglected to attend. "We would therefore request you to state the matter before "the *Grand Lodge* in Order that we may receive instruc- "tions as soon as possible how we should proceed in the "matter, at the same Time requesting a little further in- "dulgence from our Brethren of the *R. W. Grand Lodge.*

"I am, &c.,

(Sign'd) "W^m. PULLEN, W. M^r., N°. 101."

Bro^r. Grand Secretary thereupon stated That Bro^r. Wolfley having been in the City some Time since, he had mentioned to Bro^r. Wolfley the delinquency of Lodge N°. 101, in not making their Returns and paying their Grand Lodge Dues, and had requested Bro^r. Wolfley to urge them to a compliance for fear of having their Warrant Vacated. Whereupon,

Resolved, That Bro^r. Grand Secretary Answer said Letter.

Lodge N°. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster County. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Henderson, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas Crawford, S. W.; Bro^r. Dennis McMakin, J. W. Bro^r. Nathaniel Lightner, jun^r., Secretary; Bro^r. Joel Lightner, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 110, held at Connelsville, Fayette County. Election Return, returning Bro^r Joseph Gibson, W. M.; Bro^r. Jonathan Mayburry, S. W.; Bro^r. James Rogers, J. W., Bro^r. Robert D. Moore, Secretary; Bro^r. John Barnhart, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of J—— W——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., W. M.; Bro^r. Joshua Sullivan, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel H. Jacobs, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas P. Roberts, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Jackson, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 116, held at Elizabeth Town, Lancaster County. The Return to the Dispensation granted for Constituting said Lodge was read, Whereby it appears that the said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 17th October last.

A Letter from the W. Master of Lodge No. 116, Dated 29th Ultimo, was read, informing that a certain John F. Ebekey, who is a Mason, has been in their Neighbourhood about a year, has received assistance from different Lodges but makes bad use of it. That he has divulged Secrets of Masonry, and that by his bad conduct he is of great hurt to their Lodge, and requesting the Grand Lodge to consider their situation and Advise in what manner they should proceed. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the W. Master of Lodge No. 116, calling to his Assistance Two Past Masters, be a Committee to investigate the Nature of the Charges against said John F. Ebekey and make Report thereon.

Lodge No. 119, Town of Clifford, Luzerne County. A Letter was read requesting that the Jewells which were delivered up by Lodge No. 65, at the Surrender of their Warrant, might be given to Lodge No. 119, which is composed of Members late of said Lodge No. 65.

Whereupon, Resolved, that said request be complied with.

Lodge No. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Andrew M. Prevost, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas Bradford, jun^r., S. W.; Bro^r. Issacher Evans, J. W.; Bro^r. Jonah Thompson, Secretary; Bro^r. William W. Fisher, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 8 o'clock, P. M. to the Fourth Friday in the present Month.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, 25th January, A. D. 1811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Grand Marshal, P. T.
" John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 84, 91, 103, 105, 108, 114 and 115 represented.

A Number of Visiting Brethren were admitted.

Twenty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Warrant granted by this R. W. Grand Lodge on St. John's Day last, for holding a Lodge in this City to be called and known by the Name of "Herman's Lodge," No. 125, the Labours whereof to be carried on in the German Language, was read,

Whereupon, the Worshipful Master and Wardens named in the said Warrant, and the other Officers Elect, were duly Installed into their respective Offices, and the said Lodge fully Constituted in Ancient and Solemn Form.

A Petition was read from divers Ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in the City of Philadelphia under the name of "Rising Star Lodge," and that Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., might be named W. Master; Bro^r. Maurice Wurts, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Michael Nisbet, Junior Warden of the same. And also praying that the Third Monday in every Month, which is now appropriated to this Grand Lodge, may be granted to them for

holding their Meetings. Which Petition being in regular Form, and duly recommended, by Columbia Lodge, N°. 91, (whereof the Petitioners were Members,) It was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That that part of the prayer of the Petitioners, praying for a Warrant, be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 126.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That that part of the prayer of the said Petitioners, praying for a grant of the Third Monday in every Month for holding of their Meetings, be granted to them for the Time this Grand Lodge shall remain at the Old Hall.

A Petition from Five Brethren was read, stating that they are all Ancient York Master Masons, that some of them have been Members of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and others, Members of Lodges of Ancient York Masons in England and on the Registry of Ireland, And Praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in the City of Philadelphia to be named "Temple Lodge," and that Bro^r. John McVay might be named W. Master; Bro^r James Farrier, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. James Hamill, Junior Warden of the same, and which Petition was duly recommended. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Consideration of the said Petition be Postponed until the next Quarterly Communication.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 18th February, A. D. 1811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.

" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. Dep^y. Grand Master.

Bro^r. Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" John B. N. Smith, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Andrew M. Prevost, Grand Marshal.
" John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.
Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. George Richards, Grand Chaplain.
Bro^r. Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 73, 77, 84, 91, 100, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121 and 125 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form. The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that the R. W. Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of Constituting "Rising Star Lodge," N°. 126, the Warrant for holding of which Lodge had been granted by this Grand Lodge on the 25th Ultimo.

The said Warrant was thereupon presented by Bro^r. Grand Secretary and read.

Whereupon, the Worshipful Master and Wardens named in the said Warrant, and the other Officers Elect, were duly Installed into their respective Offices, and the said Lodge fully Constituted in Ancient and Solemn Form.

A Considerable Number of Visiting Brethren were Admitted previous to the opening of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at ¼ past 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th March, A. D. 1811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.

Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Rev^d. Bro^r. George Richards, D. D., Grand Chaplain.
Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Bradford, jun^r., Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Samuel M. Sykes, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.
" Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 45, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 84, 91, 102, 103, 105, 108, 114, 115, 121, 125 and 126 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Grand General, Adjourned Grand Quarterly and Grand Extra Communications were read.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on divers Communications from Grand Lodges, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
"vania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred
"the Communications from the Grand Lodge of North Caro-
"lina and Tennessee, containing their proceedings from De-
"cember 9th., 1808, to May 30th., 1810; of the Grand Lodge of
"Massachusetts, of December 11th and 27th., 1809; of the
"Grand Lodge of Ireland, of January 9th., 1810; of the Grand
"Lodge of Virginia, of April 1st., 1810; of the Grand Lodge
"of New Hampshire, of July 1st., 1810; of the Grand Lodge
"of Maryland, of November, 1809, and May, 1810; of the
"Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancient York Masons, of
"May 10th., 1810, and of the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada,
"of September 10th., 1810, beg leave to report.

"That they have examined the above mentioned Communi-

"cations and find that the Grand Lodge of N. Carolina and "Tennessee persist in their intention of constituting a Super-"intending Grand Lodge of America, with corrective powers "over all the Grand Lodges, and recommend a Grand conven-"tion of the Grand Lodges for that purpose, to be held in the "City of Washington, &c., (or somewhere else in the United "States). That they decline interfering in the dispute be-"tween the Brethren of the State of South Carolina, deeming "such interference improper. That there is a dispute between "the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee and the "Grand Lodge of Kentucky relative to Jurisdiction, the latter "having constituted two Lodges in the State of Tennessee, &c. "That the said Communication doth contain a report on the "above subject and the following resolutions, to wit:

"Resolved, that one request more be made to the Grand "Lodge of Kentucky to call in any charter or charters which "may have been issued by them, constituting a Lodge or "Lodges in the state of Tennessee within the Jurisdiction of "the Grand Lodge of N. Carolina and Tennessee, and if the "same is not by them done in a convenient time, that this "Grand Lodge will forever renounce all further Communica-"tions with them or any of their subordinate Lodges, And "that no Lodge under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge "shall have any communication with them or any Lodge "under their Jurisdiction."

"Resolved further, that a copy of these proceedings be trans-"mitted to every Grand Lodge in the United States and to "the Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia, with a request that our "conduct in this particular may be so approbated by them, as "to influence their co-operation with us in effecting an altera-"tion in the conduct of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky."

"The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massa-"chusetts contains a list of Grand Officers and an extract of "Proceedings for 1809, mentions the granting of five new "Warrants, &c.; nothing material."

"The Communication from the Grand Lodge of New "Hampshire contains a copy of additional regulations lately "adopted, an oration delivered by Bro^r. Ballou, June 26th,

"1810; the List of the Grand Officers chosen and appointed at "the Grand Quarterly Communication holden in Portsmouth, "the 4th Wednesday of April, 1810; also a list of rejections, "expulsions, and of the Subordinate Lodges 16 in number, "though the last is No. 20. It also mentions receiving com-"munications from the Grand Lodges of Ireland, Nova Scotia, "Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Penn-"sylvania, *Delaware*, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, N. "Carolina and Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia, (15,) "whereby it would seem that they had recognized the Grand "Lodge of Delaware."

"The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Ireland "does contain a list of Grand Officers, of rejections of Candi-"dates, expulsions, &c. Your Committee find the following "in the said Communication: "And for the information of "the Craft in general it is necessary to observe that no Cer-"tificates are genuine, which have been issued or granted since "the 1st May, 1806, unless the same up to the 24th June, 1806, "are signed by Bro. John Leech, Grand Secretary, during that "period, or by Bro. the Revd. Doctr. Robert Hancock, the "present Grand Secretary; and further, that no person acting "under or assisting at meetings held under illegal or pretended "Warrants, or producing Certificates with any Signatures but "the aforesaid, countersigned by William Francis Graham, "Deputy Grand Secretary, will be admitted into or receive "countenance or relief from any regular Lodge in his "Majesty's dominions or elsewhere."

"The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia "contains a list of the Grand Officers, a list of Suspensions "and expulsions, and the following resolutions:"

"Resolved unanimously, That the conduct of the body of "men styling themselves *The Grand Lodge of South Carolina*, "in adopting the said Act of incorporation and Union with "persons called Modern Masons, is a removal of the Land "Marks of A. Y. Masonry, a departure from the first princi-"ples of our Society and a palpable violation of the most "sacred duties incumbent on all A. Y. Masons; without ques-"tioning the purity of the motives of those who adopted the

"said Act of incorporation and union, we cannot as A. Y. "Masons acknowledge any association, the rules of admission "into which, deviate from those of our own society, nor can "we fraternize with the members of that association however "respectable the men may be of whom it is composed.

"Resolved unanimously, That this Grand Lodge do highly "approve of the truly Masonic, firm, wise and virtuous con- "duct of St. John's Lodge, No. 31, of Charleston, South Caro- "lina, and the other Lodges associated with it, in resisting the "said dangerous innovation and adhering to the ancient "Landmarks and principles of our institution, and that this "Grand Lodge will with sincere pleasure, interchange Com- "munications with the Grand Lodge of A. Y. Masons estab- "lished in South Carolina, St. John's Lodge, No. 31, and the "other Lodges associated with it."

"Resolved unanimously, That it be and it is hereby spec- "ially recommended to the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of "this Grand Lodge, to be particularly scrupulous in the exam- "ination of all visitors, and admit none who may in any way "have departed from the duties and works of A. Y. Masonry."

"The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland "contains a list of Grand Officers, Rejections of Candidates and "expulsion of members, and nothing material besides."

"The Communication from the Grand Lodge of S. Carolina, "A. Y. Masons mentions that they have appointed a Com- "mittee for the purpose of receiving applications from the "Lodges or Brethren who have seceded and wish to come "again under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of A. Y. "Masons, and contains copies of the proceedings of the Grand "Lodges of Kentucky and Virginia against the Grand Lodge "of Free and Accepted Masons of South Carolina."

"The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Lower "Canada contains a list of Grand Officers and a list of "subordinate Lodges, (16).

"The Warrant No. 13 or St. Andrews Lodge, River Du- "chesne district of Montreal is cancelled and erased from the "list of Lodges in Lower Canada for unmasonic conduct."

"The Grand Lodge perfectly coincides with the R. W.

"Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in their resolves relative to "illegal Masonic meetings and to the unmasonic proceedings "of some of the Lodges in South Carolina, &c."

"Phil^a., 4th March, 5811.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Thomas Hennessy.
"Samuel F. Bradford."

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred the Letter of the Rev^d. Bro^r. Richards, Grand Chaplain read on the 3^d December last, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging. The Com-"mittee of Correspondence to whom was referred the within "Letter from our Reverend Brother George Richard, Beg "leave to Report.

"That they have Considered the same and are of Opinion "his prayer should be granted and accordingly propose the "adopting of the following Resolution.

"Resolved, That Bro^r. Grand Secretary be directed to give "our Reverend Brother George Richards access to the Arch-"ives of the Grand Lodge and to deliver to him from Time "to Time, such Papers as he may select as useful for the pur-"pose mentioned in his said Letter, taking his Receipt for the "same, and to be returned as soon as Bro^r. Richards shall "have done with them.

"March 4, 1811.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Thomas Hennessy.
"Samuel F. Bradford."

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee on the Bye Laws of the Subordinate Lodges made Report "on an Amendment of the Bye Laws of Lodge "N°. 106, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The Committee to whom was referred the Amendment to "the Seventeenth Article of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 106, "Respectfully Report,

"That they have duly considered the same and recommend "that this Grand Lodge approve of the same amendment.
"January 7th, 1811.

(Sign'd) "FREDERICK WOLBERT.
"ROBERT PULLEN."

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee on the Bye Laws of the Subordinate Lodges made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 114, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The Committee to whom was referred the Bye Laws of "Solomon's Lodge, No. 114,
"Respectfully Report,

"That they have examined the same with due Attention, "and find them agreeable to the Constitution of Ancient "Masonry.

"Your Committee beg leave to recommend the same for "the approbation of this Grand Lodge.

"January 7, 1811.

(Sign'd) "FREDERICK WOLBERT.
"ROBERT PULLEN."

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee on the Bye Laws of the Subordinate Lodges made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 115, which was read and is as follows, Viz:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The Committee to whom was referred the Bye Laws of St. "John's Lodge, No. 115,
"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same, and find "them consistent with the principles of our Ancient Institu- "tion; they therefore beg leave to recommend that this Grand "Lodge approve of them."

"January 7, 1811.

(Sign'd) "FREDERICK WOLBERT.
"ROBERT PULLEN."

Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the Grand Officers, together with the Masters of the different Lodges, be a Grand Committee for the purpose of making Arrangements for the conducting the procession on the Dedication of the New Hall and for devising Ways and Means of defraying the Expences thereof.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be a Committee to procure suitable Clothing for the Grand Officers previous to the Dedication of the New Hall.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to state that he had prepared a Charge which he conceived proper to be transmitted to the Country Lodges under this Jurisdiction, and presented the same for the Consideration of this R. W. Grand Lodge. The said Charge was thereupon read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens "and Brethren of Lodge N°. ."

"It has for several years past been a Custom in the City of "Philadelphia for the Grand Master attended by the other "Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to pay "an annual visit to the several Lodges which hold their "sittings in that place."

"The practice being attended with many advantages, it has "been our ardent desire that the lodges in the Country should "also partake of the benefit of it. But several difficulties of "an insurmountable nature have hitherto opposed themselves "to the measure."

"The limited resources of the Grand Lodge will not admit "of the expences of sending a deputation to traverse the whole "range of our widely dispersed Societies. The Lodges them-"selves are many of them not in a situation to defray it; and "a still greater obstacle arises from the impossibility of the "Grand Officers neglecting their necessary avocations and "families by so long an absence as the duty would require, "or of finding brethren of leisure who could supply their "places."

"Nevertheless it is hoped that at some future day a plan "may be organized that will in some shape impart to our "brethren in the Country the advantages of which they are "now deprived."

"In the meantime it is the intention of the Grand Lodge "as occasion may offer, to seek through their Officers as far as "is convenient a personal intercourse with the lodges, more "immediately in the vicinity of the City, to address our "advices from time to time in the present form to those "whose residence is at a greater distance."

"We are happy in this first opportunity of greeting you "with the salutations of brotherly affection, of imploring from "the Almighty Architect of the Universe, a blessing upon your "labours and of stimulating you to every good word and "work in the business of the Craft."

"Brethren are you aware of the high standing to which "your connection with this antient and honorable institution "has elevated you? Do you consider it a light matter to "have your names enrolled in the records of a Society that "has not grown out of any of the fluctuating notions of past "or of present times, but which originated in the remotest "ages of antiquity, was originally founded upon principles "dictated by the great disposer of all things, and under his "almighty protection has withstood the shocks of civil wars, "national contests, religious bigotry, political revolution and "we may add both the direct assault of its opposers and the "equally destructive mistakes and errors of its bad professors."

"Is it nothing for you to be united with an institution thus "singularly protected by providence through a long course "of ages that are past, and still subsisting we trust in un-"diminished splendor throughout all the most civilized parts "of the habitable globe?"

"In the same manner in which you find yourselves em-"ployed, have kings and princes, sages and Philosophers, "heroes and patriots whose names stand upon bright and "luminous record in the annals of history been also engaged."

"Prize, therefore, the inestimable privilege which you have "acquired, study the nature and design of these delightful

"associations, remove from your minds that frivolity and in-
"considerateness which would change into a society of Bac-
"chanals, an institution in the purest principles of an en-
"lightened Morality, rational religion and expanded benifi-
"cence."

"We enjoin it not upon you to relinquish the temperate
"gratifications of social and convivial intercourse when the
"serious and weighty labours of the lodge are ended, *but we*
"*do enjoin it upon you*, that at masonic banquets you should
"never consider yourselves as divested of the character of
"Masons."

"Without restricting you by rules of unnecessary rigidity,
"let us nevertheless intreat you on these occasions to conduct
"every thing with decency and in order. Let the innocence
"indicated by the badges you wear in the lodge be found in
"your language and deportment at the festive board. While
"perfect good humour, true brotherly affection and a zealous
"love of the Craft predominate on these occasions, for your
"own sakes and that of the institution to which you have
"pledged your support, avoid all intemperance and excess, and
"never give your beloved families occasion to regret the sum-
"mons which calls you from them to attend upon the duties
"of the Lodge."

"Excuse us, brethren, for commencing our advices to you
"by noticing a particular that strictly speaking, regards your
"conduct out of the Lodge. But we have been led to it from
"a conviction that in many instances there has been great and
"just cause to lament the inattention of our brethren to their
"conduct during the season of refreshment after labour. In
"these hints no particular censure is intended upon any
"lodge, but they are designed to guard you and the brethren
"of all our lodges against future errors in a particular, on
"which the benefit of our society to its own members and its
"reputation in the world so much depend."

"The world knows not from its ignorance of our proceed-
"ings but that the excesses, which have sometimes *followed* the
"meetings of our Lodges, have been transacted *in the lodges*
"themselves, and nothing will remedy the evil but a convic-

"tion of its enormity in the minds of our members and an un-
"remitted attention to their duty on the part of the Officers
"of lodges."

"We are unfortunately from the want of communication
"with our distant lodges, not so well informed as we could de-
"sire of the mode in which they conduct the administrations
"of our sacred Mysteries, and we are sensible that they labour
"under great difficulties in this respect, owing to their situa-
"tions in many instances precluding them from very frequent
"opportunities of seeing our work carried on by the most
"skillful and expert craftsmen. Many, however, who have
"taken great pains to acquire knowledge are to be found in
"various places, and we would equally solicit the ignorant not
"to be ashamed to ask for information, and to the well in-
"formed not to refuse to impart it."

"Your occasional visits to the City of Philadelphia may
"sometimes afford you the opportunity of meeting lodges
"there and we have great pleasure in assuring you, that our
"present unexampled prosperity and the capability of many
"of our Masters and Officers afford very ample means of
"instruction.

"Shall we detain you brethren by pointing your attention
"for a few minutes to some other circumstances in which an
"attention to our counsels may prove serviceable to your
"lodge?"

"You should not only become expert in the work of the
"lodge, but adhere invariably to the antient landmarks, con-
"necting with the legal ceremonies no unwarrantable frivoli-
"ties towards candidates. Let them progress through the
"several stages of their advancement with increased love and
"respect for masonry and renewed impressions of the solem-
"nity and weight of their obligations."

"In the Circumstance now referred to, much depends upon
"the brethren, more upon the Officers of the Lodge. Let all
"unite in preserving the dignity, the seriousness, the har-
"mony, the decorum in which the upright mason should
"always feel a pleasure and a pride."

"Brethren do you attend the Lodge at the stated days of

"meeting if not unavoidably prevented? are you punctual to "the appointed time of meeting? Do you begin and close "your labours at the prescribed constitutional hours? Do "you avoid unnecessarily withdrawing during the transaction "of business? Are you obedient to your Officers? Do you "dilligently attend to the discharge of your dues? Do you "constantly bear in mind your relation and duty to the Grand "Lodge?"

"These are questions important in their nature and we "hope you can individually answer the most of them in the "affirmative. If not we admonish you with the authority "which our station gives us, and our affection for you dictates, "so to amend whatever may be amiss as a thorough con-"scientious enquiry of each into his own behaviour may tell "him is required."

"Brethren, let us further suggest to you that the beauty of "a lodge not only consists in the able exhibition of its "mysteries by the Officers, and in the correct deportment of "its members, but also in the neatness, if not elegance of its "Jewels, ornaments and decorations. We would not recom-"mend expence in these articles beyond the means of the "lodge or its members, but would suggest the expediency of "enquiring whether some useless expenditure may not be "retrenched, some less important personal gratification be "omitted, in order to contribute to the amendment of the "appearance of the lodge."

"When everything is comely in the apparatus and furni-"ture and implements, how is the pleasure and alacrity of the "members of the lodges increased! What a powerful effect "does it produce in individual behaviour! what a stimulus to "the introduction of respectable new members! Believe us "these things are of more importance than most of you "imagine."

"We should forego one of the greatest pleasures to our-"selves and we hope to you in this Communication, did we "omit to notice and congratulate each other upon the present "flourishing state of our order."

"The extensive correspondence of the Grand Lodge has

"acquainted them with the wide extended and increasing "celebrity and improvement of the whole institution. Im-"mediate observation gives us cause of infinite satisfaction at "the prosperity of our own lodges."

"In the City more particularly, a zealous revival has taken "place and we are now daily numbering of our order many "of our best and most worthy Citizens distributed through "the various lodges."

"The ardor of the brethren has led them to a stupendous "undertaking in the erection of a magnificent new hall for "their accommodation, and though in a work of so much "magnitude we have difficulties to contend with, we hope "under the continued smiles of the almighty Master builder "to dedicate this august temple to his service in the course "of the ensuing summer. Although the Circumstances of "our Country Lodges may not admit their stretching forth to "the Grand Lodge a helping hand in this arduous, but most "useful work, we at least solicit your prayers and good wishes "for a prosperous issue to our exertions."

"We conclude my brethren, by inviting the more regular "attendance of your officers at the Stated meetings of the "Grand Lodge, or if not already done, that you would appoint "a proxy to represent you there, and by requesting you to be "regular in making your returns and discharging your dues "to that body."

"Thus will a fraternal communion be more steadily main-"tained and no censure attach to you for disobedience to the "requirements of the fountain of your masonic privileges."

"And now may the Father of mercies take the brethren of "your Lodge into his holy keeping and direction. May "brotherly love, undisturbed harmony, pure morals, mutual "reliefs, Masonic Zeal abound amongst you. May your num-"bers increase, and may they be such as are worthy, may "knowledge and prudence keep pace with your growth, and "when the pleasures and delights of your terrestrial lodges are "closed by the swift winged messenger of the Supreme Grand "Master, may he translate you to his sublime Grand Lodge of "perfection, where a season of never ending refreshment will

"reward the labours of love in which you have here en-
"gaged.

"Amen, So mote it be, Amen. JAMES MILNOR."

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That this Grand Lodge approve of the said Charge, and that the same be printed and transmitted to the Country Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, of 27th December last, containing the Names of the Grand Officers for the present year, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary Reported that since last St. John's Day he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$90.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, ...	10.92
For Books of Ahiman Rezon, ...	6.
Of Lodge No. 50, held at West Chester, Dues, .	22.63
Total, . .	$129.55

Which was Ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The following Returns, &c., were received and read, to wit:

Lodge No. 2, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge, which were referred to the Committee on the Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 3, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 19, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members, containing the rejection of J—— S——.

Lodge No. 21, held at Harrisburgh. Election Return, returning Bro. George K. Nutz, W. M.; Bro. Samuel Bryan, S. W.; Bro. Robert Park, J. W.; Bro. Jacob Wain, Secretary; Bro. John A. Stehley, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 50, held at West Chester. Election Return, returning Bro. Caleb Bradley, W. M.; Bro. Isaac Tussey, S. W.;

Bro^r. Henry Fleming, J. W.; Bro^r. Isaac Darlington, Secretary; Bro^r. Ephraim Buffington, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of J—— B——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph Curwen, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Charles Ross, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph T. Clement, J. W.; Bro^r. Curtis Clay, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph S. Lewis, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County. A Letter from said Lodge was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Greeting: "Whereas it has been made the Duty of the Secretary of "Lodge N°. 92 to communicate to the said R. W. Grand "Lodge proceedings had in our Lodge N°. 92 against a "certain D—— M—— who was made in Hiram Lodge, N^o. "12, Winchester, Virginia, under your Jurisdiction. And "Whereas the said D—— M—— has Visited our Lodge "frequently, but has of late conducted himself contrary to "the Character of a Decent Man more especially that of a "Mason by frequent disorderly Conduct, using immoral and "profane Language generally, and abusing several of the "Brethren who are very respectable Members of Our Lodge, "threatening to treat them in a violent manner, and using "against them and the Lodge generally approbrious and "abusive Language, which Evil and disorderly Conduct we "are able at any Time, if called upon by the R. W. Grand "Lodge to substantiate particularly, and in consequence of "the disorderly and ungentlemanly conduct of the said "D—— M——, the Lodge came to the following Resolu- "tion: 'Resolved, that D—— M—— be henceforth ex- "cluded all Masonic privileges in and Communication with "this Lodge.' The said D—— M—— not being a Member, "we of course could not expell him, but our Lodge con- "ceived it their bounden Duty to inform the R. W. Grand "Lodge, under whom we work, of the Violent and dis- "orderly Conduct of the said D—— M—— that they may "proceed in their Wisdom and Justice for the good of "Masonry, in that way which to them may appear right, and

"inform our Lodge of the result of their deliberations. All "of which is respectfully submitted.

"J. A. ROWLAND,

"Union Town, Sec^y. Lodge N°. 92.

"16th Jan^y., 1811."

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Lodge N°. 102, held at Frankford. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John H. Worrell, Esqr., W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Carpenter, S. W.; Bro^r. Levi Love, J. W.; Bro^r. James Dyre, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Worrell, Treasurer. Return of Members, and containing the Suspensions of S—— T——, D—— R——, F—— M——, R—— M——, M—— M——, J—— V——, J—— L. R—— and S—— F——.

Lodge N°. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Peter Bob, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John McWaters, S. W.; Bro^r. John Kissick, J. W.; Bro^r. Isaac Macauley, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Vickers, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 116, held at Elizabeth Town, Lancaster County. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Terah Jones, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas Wilson, S. W.; Bro^r. William Heller, J. W.; Bro^r. William Youse, Secretary; Bro^r. John Alford, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the rejection of S—— R——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge, which were referred to the Committee on the Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 125, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was received and referred to the Committee on the Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

The Report of the Committee of Correspondence on divers Communications from Grand Lodges was taken up for Consideration, And

On Motion made and Seconded, the same was Adopted.

The Report of the Committee of Correspondence on the Letter of the Reverend Bro^r. George Richards, was taken into Consideration, And

On Motion made and Seconded, the same was Adopted.

The Report of the Committee on the Bye Laws on an Amendment of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 106, was taken into Consideration, And

On Motion made and Seconded, the same was Adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Bye Laws, on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 114, was taken up for Consideration, And

On Motion made and Seconded, the same was Adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Bye Laws, on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 115, was taken into Consideration, And

On Motion made and Seconded, the same was Adopted.

The Consideration of the Petition read on the 25th January last, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in this City, to be called "Temple Lodge" was resumed, And

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said Petition be not granted.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at a quarter past 9 o'clock, P. M., to meet on the First Monday of April next at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st April, 1811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq., R. W. Dep. Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esq., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Samuel Lippincott, T., Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Louis Houard, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 50, 52, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 84, 91, 103, 105, 108, 114, 115, 121, 125 and 126 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication were read.

The R. W. Grand Master communicated that he had requested the New Hall Committee to make a statement of the Monies expended on Account of the New Hall, of the Funds remaining unexpended, and of the further sum which will be wanted for compleating the same. That the said Committee had accordingly made a Report to him on the subject, which he presented for the information of the Grand Lodge, and which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To Bro^r. James Milnor, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master of "Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and "Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The New Hall Committee in compliance with your re- "quest of being furnished with a brief statement of the "Monies paid on Account of the New Hall, the funds re- "maining unexpended, and the sum which it may be neces- "sary to procure on Loan or otherwise for finishing the "Building and Appurtenances,

"Respectfully Report,

"That there has been paid to William Waln, in extinguish- "ment of the Ground Rent on the Lot whereon the New Hall "is erected, the Sum of $14166.97.

"That there has been paid on Account of the New Hall to "the Master Builders, other Mechanicks, and for Materials up "to this Time, the Amount of $40486.58½.

"That from the best Estimates the Committee have been "able to obtain, the following Monies will be wanted for pay- "ing Debts now owing and for finally compleating the Hall "with the Spire and all inclosures, &c.

"Remington and Simmons, a Bill now owing for "lumber, ...	$230.26
"Haydock and Stewart, ditto for Glass, . . .	88.77
"Carpenter, about	8000.

"Plaisterer, including Materials, ...		$2800.
"Painter and Glazier, ...		700.
"Bricklayer, ...		100.
"Stone Cutter, ...		665.
"Walls round the Lot and Paving, ...		2000.
"Iron Railing and Gates in Front, with 2 Marble "Piers and Marble Capping on the Brick Work, "estimated at		1200.
"Allow for other items which may hereafter present "or which may possibly have been omitted, .		1000.
Total, .		$16784. 3
"Funds towards meeting the above, Viz:		
"In the Hands of the Treasurer to the "New Hall Committee, Bro^r. Baker, .	$195.41½	
"In the Hands of the Grand Treasurer "on Account of the Masonic Loan, .	1833.33	
"Mortgage on the Old Hall, ...	2500.	4528.74
"Deficiency to be provided for, .		$12255.29

"Respectfully submitted,

"Philad^a., 1st April, 1811.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Rich^D. Tybout.
"Rob^T. McCullagh.
"George A. Baker."

Which Report having been Considered, on Motion made and Seconded, Bro^rs. Senior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were appointed a Committee to devise Ways and Means of raising a sum of Money to compleat the New Hall and make Report.

The Committee of Arrangement respecting the Festival on S^t. John's Day last made Report, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the "R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdic- "tion thereunto belonging:

"The Committee of Arrangement respecting the Grand

"Masonic Festival held at the New Hall on St. John's Day
"last,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have made out an Account respecting said "Festival, which is hereto subjoined, whereby it appears that "there is a surplus of $463, which remains in the Hands of "Bro^r. George A. Baker, who acted as Secretary to the Com-"mittee.

"Respectfully submitted,

"Philad^a., 1st April, 1811.

(Sign'd) "WALTER KERR.
"SAMUEL LIPPINCOTT, T.
"GEORGE A. BAKER.
"B. NEWCOMB, JUN^R.
"JAMES HARPER, JUN^R.

"Account of Monies received by George A. Baker for "Tickets of Admission to the Grand Masonic Banquet held at "the New Hall on St. John's Day, 27th December, 1810, Viz:

	Tickets.	
"Received for 39 Tickets sold by himself,	39	$195.
"Received of Bro^r. John Darragh for	4	20.
" Samuel Lippincott,	20	100.
" David Barnum,	9	45.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r.,	18	90.
" James Harper, jun^r.,	13	65.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis,	18	90.
" Walter Kerr,	58	290.
" Andrew M. Prevost,	12	60.
" James Milnor, Esqr., sold by Bro^r. Willett,	5	25.
" Thomas De Silver,	3	15.
" John Phillips,	3	15.
" Thomas Elliott,	20	100.
" John Nisbet,	6	30.
	228	$1140.

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"Paid Bro^r. Barnum for 218 Dinners, @ $3 . $654.

"Paid Constable for Attendance, ... 5.
"Paid James Maxwell for Cards and Printing, 18. 677.

"Balance remaining in the Hands of Bro^r. George A.
"Baker, Secretary to the Committee, . . . $463.
"Philad^a., 1st April, 1811."

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said balance, or sum of $463, remaining in the Hands of Bro^r. Baker, Secretary to the said Committee, be paid over to the New Hall Committee in Aid of furnishing the interior of the New Hall.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of making Arrangements for the conducting the Procession on the Dedication of the New Hall, and for devising Ways and Means of defraying the Expences thereof, made Report, which was read.

And

On Motion made and Seconded, the same was read a Second Time by Paragraphs, and with some amendments Adopted as follows:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic
"Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee appointed for the purpose of making Ar-
"rangements for the conducting the Procession on the Ded-
"ication of the New Hall and for devising Ways and Means
"of defraying the Expences thereof,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they consider the object of their appointment as of
"much more essential importance to the interests of the Craft
"than at first view might be imagined.

"It was formerly usual for the Grand Lodge to sanction
"public Processions upon many of those inferior occasions
"where it is now believed not to be conducive to the interests
"of the Craft to do so. Of latter Years they have only been
"used on those more momentous and interesting occasions,
"where the Ancient Usages of the institution would be
"violated by their omissions, and when resolved upon by the
"R. W. Grand Lodge they have been conducted under their
"particular auspices and direction. Great benefit has resulted

"from an adherence to this Course, the infrequency of these "public exhibitions making them more interesting, and the "Agency of the Grand Lodge in their Management preventing "those irregularities and indecencies which would bring dis-"credit upon the Society. Perhaps of all the instances that "have yet happened in which a brilliant display of the Craft, "in a manner creditable to the individual Members and Hon-"ourable to the Society, ought to be made the anticipated Con-"secration of the New Hall is the most prominent and invit-"ing. This event will form an Epoch in the Annals of "Masonry to which the Brethren of future Ages will, we "trust, look back with feeling of exultation and delight. It "is calculated to excite amongst the Brethren of the present "Day, sentiments of proud felicitation for what has been "achieved and animating Hopes for the still increasing "splendour and usefulness of our extensive and growing "Association. Having many of them been Witnesses of its "depression and poverty in former Days, having seen it arise "of latter Time with elasticity and vigour into public re-"spectability with the most flattering prospects of its One Day "becoming the most extended and bountiful distributor of "Charity in our City, and in all other respects equalling the "most sanguine expectations of its supporters, can it be im-"agined that a more suitable occasion for the Festivity and "rejoicing of the Brethren can ever occur? The erection of "the New Hall was entered upon with Zeal, but not un-"attended with many Fears for its full accomplishment. "Difficulties have met its conductors in their progress, but an "unabated ardour has surmounted every obstacle and at the "period fixed for the solemnity of Consecration, its most essen-"tial parts will be compleated, the apprehensions of the most "timid will be silenced, and the Grand Lodge with her "Numerous offspring, will commence the discharge of their "Duties in a Temple unparalleled in this Country for its "elegance and convenience, with fresh incentives to industry "and activity in the prosecution of their Labours. The most "essential particular in all undertakings is to begin well. It "has therefore been a matter of anxious concern with the

"Committee, that the solemn Ceremonies used immemorially "at the Consecration of Masonic Lodges should be accom- "panied on the expected occasion with as much Beauty and "Order as can be attached to it and that it should be en- "joined upon all our Brethren who participate in it, to be "strictly guarded in their individual conduct and deportment "and to avoid everything that would tend in the least to mar "the expectations of the Grand Lodge, because it is evident "that with all the prudential preparation which your R. W. "body can devise, a few instances of personal departure from "the plan might produce the most unpleasant consequences. "Relying therefore on the Letter and Spirit of the plan to be "adopted being carefully conformed to by every Lodge and "each individual of it, the Committee recommend as follows:

"All the Brethren of our own and other Lodges and in a par- "ticular manner the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodges "of Our Sister States, shall be invited to join in the proces- "sion.

"The Grand Officers and Members of this Grand Lodge and "the Officers and Members of all Private Lodges under or "without this Jurisdiction and other Brethren shall pro- "vide themselves with Tickets of Admission for which they "shall individually pay the sum of Three Dollars, without "which no one shall be admitted.

"The Grand Officers of any of our Sister Grand Lodges who "Honour us with their Company will be admitted free of "charge.

"That each Member of a Private Lodge walking in the Pro- "cession be requested if practicable, to appear in a Suit of "Black Clothes with White Gloves with his appropriate "Jewell and Apron, the Hanging of his Jewell and his "Apron to be clean and in good order. The Grand Officers "to appear in a compleat Suit of Black, except Gloves, "which are to be White.

"That the Brethren all assemble at the Old Hall in Filbert "Street, on Monday the 24th Day of June next, being St. "John the Baptist's Day, at 8 o'clock in the Forenoon and "after making the necessary disposition and arrangements

"the Procession to be taken up, by Lodges, according to "Juniority, and proceed by a rout to be fixed by the Com- "mittee of Arrangements to One of the Churches hereafter "to be appointed, where a Brother to be nominated by the "Grand Lodge shall deliver an Oration or Discourse "adapted to the occasion.

"That the Grand Chaplains be invited to attend and officiate "in Prayer and Thanksgiving before and after the Oration "and that the Committee of Arrangement provide as "excellent a Band of Music as can be obtained, together "with as many Vocal performers as may be necessary for "the Singing of such Anthems and Odes as may be pre- "pared or selected for the occasion.

"That after the services at Church are concluded the Proces- "sion be again taken up in the same Order and proceed by "such rout as may be previously fixed to the New Hall, "where the final ceremonies of Consecration and Dedication "shall take place.

"That an Entertainment under the direction of the Grand "Officers be provided at the New Hall, at which the Officers "of other Grand Lodges be invited to attend and that all "other Brethren desirous of partaking of said Entertain- "ment be admitted as subscribers, on payment of the further "Sum of Five Dollars, but this is not to be understood as "precluding any of the Brethren, that may think proper to "do so, from ordering a separate refreshment where-ever "they think proper.

"That the Monies received for Tickets for the Procession be "applied in the first instance, to the defraying the Expences "of the Grand Lodge preparatory thereto and that what- "ever Surplus may remain, to be paid over to the New Hall "Committee to be applied to the furnishing of the New "Hall and other purposes of their Appointment.

"That it be especially recommended to the several Lodges to "have their Jewells, Aprons, Malletts and Columns in the "best possible Order.

"That the Grand Lodge appoint a Committee of Arrange- "ment, consisting of Seven Members whose duty it shall be

"to make all the necessary preparations for the ceremonies "of the Procession and Consecration, attend to the Organiza- "tion and Arrangement of the same, the issuing of Tickets, "the Ordering of the Banquet and all other Matters apper- "taining to the Duties of the Day."

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the R. W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to deliver an Appropriate Address on St. John's Day next, adapted to the Dedication of the New Hall. On said request being made of the R. W. Grand Master he was pleased to promise a complyance therewith.

On Motion made and Seconded,

The following Brethren were Appointed a Committee of Arrangements for making the necessary preparations for the Ceremonies of the Procession and the Consecration of the New Hall, to wit:

Bro^r	George A. Baker, of Lodge No.	2.
"	Richard Tybout, . . .	3.
"	Thomas Entriken, . .	9.
"	Thomas Elliott, . . .	19.
"	Samuel F. Bradford, . .	51.
"	Samuel Lippincott, T., .	67.
"	Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., . .	115.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Bro^rs. Walter Kerr, Thomas Hennessy, James Cutbush, William Wray and Thomas Amies were appointed a Committee to Consider and Report a Plan for occupying the New Hall by the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, And the Terms on which the Subordinate Lodges may occupy the same.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the several Lodges be requested to pay up their Dues to St. John's Day last, in order to enable the Grand Lodge to make payment towards the Sinking Fund.

A Petition was read from divers Ancient York Masons praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, to be named "Philanthropy Lodge," and that Bro^r. John Carter may be named W. Master; Bro^r. Frederick Erringer, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. George Helmbold, Junior

Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 127.

A Petition was read from divers Ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge at Philadelphia, to be named "Temple Lodge," and that Bro^r. David Cook might be named W. Master; Bro^r. James Hamill, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. John Hamill, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 128.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 5th September last, was read and Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were read, to wit:

Lodge N°. 67, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members to S^t. John's Day last, containing the Expulsions of J—— I——, W—— M—— and G—— W. H——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N°. 69, held in the Borough of Chester. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 70, held at Tioga Point, Luzerne County. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Solomon Everts, W. Master; Bro^r. Moses Park, S. W.; Bro^r. John F. Satterlee, J. W.; Bro^r. David Paine, Secretary; Bro^r. Avery Gore, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Communication from said Lodge stating that Bro^r. Ebenezer Banks Gregory who was formerly communicated to the Grand Lodge as Expelled, was erroneously returned so by the then Secretary of the Lodge.

Lodge N°. 75, held at Pugh Town, Chester County. Election

Return, returning Bro^r. James Dowlen, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Williams, S. W.; Bro^r. William Thomas, J. W.; Bro^r. Charles Mowrey, Secretary; Bro^r. George Stittler, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsions of R—— K——, J—— N——, A—— V——, A—— R——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 77, held at Port D'Espagne in the Island of Trinidad. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. J. E. Maingot, W. M.; Bro^r. John Gumbes, S. W.; Bro^r. Jos^h Caraeciolo, J. W.; Bro^r. McFranceschi, Secretary; Bro^r. S. R. Espinet, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time. A Communication from said Lodge, Dated 26th January last, which was referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 113, held at Pittsburgh. Election Return, returning Bro^r. J. B. N. Smith, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Henry Baldwin, S. W.; Bro^r. Anthony Beelin, J. W.; Bro^r. Magnus M. Murray, Secretary; Bro^r. James Adams, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 114, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 118, held at New Orleans. A Communication of the 1st January last, informing that the said Lodge was duly Constituted. A Commission, executed in due Form, appointing Bro^r. Louis Houard, Proxy of said Lodge. Bro^r. Houard was thereupon recognized as Proxy of the said Lodge N°. 118.

Lodge N°. 121, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was received and referred to the Committee on the Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

A Letter was received from Bro^r. John Cummings, W. Master of Lodge N°. 106, dated 29th January, 1811, and enclosing the Dispensation directed to him for Constituting Lodge N°. 120, to be held in the Town of Tiago, which Letter was read and is in the words following, to wit: "You will "find by my Return or Endorsement on the inclosed Dispen- "sation that I went to the intended place of holding the "Lodge and found the Master elect had left that Country.

"It was insisted on by some of the Brethren that I should

"Install the Wardens and open the New Lodge, that the "Chair could be filled by the Oldest Member until their next "Election, to this I would not Agree; how far I have been "correct I should be much pleased to have your Opinion.

"The Members of the New Lodge not knowing whether the "Master, Ambrose Millard, should return, did proceed to a "New Election when William Willard, was elected Master; "Dennis Hawes, Senior Warden, and Gitchell, Junior "Warden, Which Election they requested me to forward to "you. I shall feel myself much obliged on receiving a line "from you on these proceedings. I am, &c.

(Sign'd) "JOHN CUMMINGS."

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That instead of the Officers named in the Warrant No. 120, to wit: Ambrose Millard, W. Master; William Willard, Senior Warden, and Dennis Hawes, Junior Warden, the following Brethren be the First Officers of said Lodge, viz: William Willard, W. Master; Dennis Hawes, Senior Warden, and Gitchell, Junior Warden.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock P. M. to the first Monday in May next at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, 18th April, A. D. 1811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Thomas Elliott, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Charles Ross, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Grand Marshal, P. T.
" John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 45, 51, 52, 67, 70, 71, 84, 91, 100, 105, 108, 115, 125 and 126 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

On Motion made and Seconded, A Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that the R. W. Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of Constituting "Philanthropy Lodge," N°. 127, the Warrant for holding of which Lodge had been granted by this Grand Lodge on the 1st Instant.

The said Warrant was thereupon presented by Bro^r. Grand Secretary and read.

Whereupon, the W. Master and Wardens named in the said Warrant and the other Officers Elect, were duly Installed into their respective Offices and the said Lodge fully Constituted in Ancient and Solemn Form.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th May, A. D. 1811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Rev^d. Bro^r. George Richards, Grand Chaplain.
Bro^r. James Harper, jun^r., Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Walter Kerr, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71, 77, 84, 91, 100, 103, 105, 108, 114, 115 121, 126 and 127 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Warrant granted by this Grand Lodge on the 1st of April last, for holding a New Lodge in the City of Philadelphia under the Name of "Temple Lodge," N°. 128, was presented by Bro^r. Grand Secretary and read. Whereupon, the W. Master and Wardens named in the said Warrant, and the other Officers Elect, were duly Installed into their respective Offices, and the said Lodge fully Constituted in Ancient and Solemn Form.

The Committee appointed on the 1st April last, to Consider and Report a Plan for occupying the New Hall by the Grand and Subordinate Lodges made Report, which was read and Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 27th December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of 27th December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of the 1st April last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, of the 1st April last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

Account of Grand Lodge Dues of Lodge N°. 19, held at Philadelphia, was received and read.

Returns of Lodge N°. 113, held at Pittsburgh, were received and read, to wit: Return of Members. Account of Grand

Lodge Dues. A Commission duly executed, appointing Bro^r. Walter Kerr their Proxy to represent the said Lodge in this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, Bro^r. Kerr was duly recognized as Proxy of said Lodge N°. 113.

A Petition was read from Lodge N°. 93, held at New Orleans, praying for the establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge at that place. Referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Return to the Dispensation granted by the R. W. Grand Master for Constituting Lodge N°. 119 was read, whereby it appeared that said Lodge was duly Constituted by the Name of "North Star Lodge" on the 24th January last.

A Letter was read from Bro^r. Jeremiah Mosher, W. Master of Lodge N°. 43, held at Lancaster, to whom the Dispensation was directed for Constituting S^t. John's Lodge, N°. 123, at the Borough of York, in York County, informing that he went to York for that purpose on the 2nd January last, but that the Rev^d. Bro^r. John Armstrong who was named in the Warrant as Master, had declined for several reasons, to be Installed. That the Brethren, some of whom had come a distance of more than 20 Miles, and the Members of the proposed Lodge had been very desirous to be organized, they had made choice of Bro^r. John Lafferty, and who had been thereupon installed W. Master; Bro^r. Genl. Jacob Klein, Senior Warden; Thomas McGrath, Junior Warden, and Thomas McEllier, Treasurer, trusting that under such peculiar circumstances their proceedings would obtain the Approbation of the Grand Master. Whereupon,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to return an Answer to Bro^r. Mosher's Letter.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approve of the Nomination of Bro^r. Lafferty as Master in the room of Bro^r. Armstrong, declined.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 126 was received and referred to the Committee on the Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

The Accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were referr'd to the Committee of Accounts to examine and Report thereon.

Resolved, That the New Hall Committee have the South East Room on the Second Floor in the New Hall finished, so as to Answer both for the Royal Arch and Blue Lodges.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d June, 1811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.
" James M. Linnard, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73,77, 84, 91, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 118, 121, 125, 126, 127 and 128 represented.

Twenty Eight Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Adjourned and Extra Communications were read.

A Petition was read from divers Ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge at the City of New Orleans under the Name of "Lodge L'Etoile Polaire," and that Bro^r. Jean Pintard might be named W. Master; Bro^r. Michael Fournier, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. R. Pamar, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in proper form, and duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 129.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons, all late Members of Lodge N°. 52, held at Philadelphia, was read praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in the City of Philadelphia under the name of "Phoenix Lodge," and that Bro^r. Thomas Kittera, Esqr., might be named W. Master; Bro^r. Joseph Barnes, Esqr., Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Spencer Dewees, Junior Warden of the same; Which Petition being in proper form, and duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 130.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That since the last Grand Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$265.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, ...	90. 9
For Books of Ahiman Rezon, ...	4.67
Of Lodge N°. 2, Grand Lodge Dues, . . .	178.66
Of Lodge N°. 69, . . ditto . . .	56.12
Total, . . .	$594.54

Which was Ordered to be Entered on the Minutes.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, of the 20th May, 1811, on the subject of the establishing of a Superintending Grand Lodge of the United States, was read and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were read, to wit:

Lodge N°. 5, held at Cantwell's Bridge. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. John Springer, W Master; Bro^r. Alexander Briscoe, S. W.; Bro^r. William McMillin, J. W.; Bro^r. John Moody, Secretary; Bro^r. John Merritt, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 71, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members to December last, containing the Expulsions of W—— M——, P—— R—— and J—— R——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. John McClune, W. M.; Bro^r. Jesse Norton, S. W.; Bro^r. William Lawson, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Topham, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Deal, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 83, held at Damascus, Wayne County. Election Return of June, 1809, returning Bro^r. Nathan Skinner, W. M.; Bro^r. James Seeley, S. W.; Bro^r. William Tyler, J. W.; Bro^r. Reuben Skinner, Secretary; Bro^r. Daniel Skinner, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 91, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of their Bye Laws, which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 100, held at Catawissa. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Stacy Margerum, W. M.; Bro^r. Philip Moyer, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Kline, J. W.; Bro^r. Hezekiah Boone, Secretary; Bro^r. Benjamin Hawk, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 118, held at New Orleans. Return of Members.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee respecting the Occupancy of the New Hall be directed to take into Consideration the Mode of Tyling for the different Lodges who may meet there and make Report.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

On Saturday, the 8th of June, A. D. 1811, at 12 o'lock at Noon in the Grand Lodge Room at Philadelphia, The R. W. Grand Master, Bro^r. James Milnor, Esquire, assisted by his R. W. G. Officers, Installed the W. Master and Wardens Named in the Warrant granted the 3rd Instant, for holding a Lodge in

Philadelphia under the Name of "Phœnix Lodge," No. 130, and the other Officers Elect, into their respective Offices, and fully Constituted the said Lodge in Ancient and Solemn Form.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 22d June, A. D. 1811, at 12 o'clock at Noon.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present:

Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Mas.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Peter Bob, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esq., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.
" Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 43, 45, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 91, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 126 and 130 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that they were convened for the purpose of receiving a Petition praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge. Whereupon,

A Petition was read from divers Ancient York Master Masons, all lately Members of Lodge No. 19, held at Philadelphia, praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in the City of Philadelphia under the name of "Industry Lodge," and that Bro. Thomas Elliott, might be named W. Master; Bro. Nathan R. Potts, Senior Warden, and Bro. Cornelius

Stevenson, Junior Warden of the same, Which Petition being in due Form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 131.

After a short space of Time, Bro^r. Grand Secretary presented a Warrant duly executed and compleated, conformably to the foregoing Resolution. Whereupon, the said Warrant was read and the W. Master and Wardens Named in the same and the other Officers elect, were duly Installed into their respective Offices, and the said Lodge fully Constituted in Ancient and Solemn Form by the Name of "Industry Lodge, N°. 131."

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 2 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

S^T. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Monday, 24th June, A. D. 1811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

DEDICATION
AND
CONSECRATION
OF THE
NEW HALL.

Monday the 24th June, 1811, being the Anniversary of S^t. John the Baptist the Brethren provided with Tickets of Admission into the Procession assembled at the Old College Hall in Fourth Street, near Arch Street, at 8 o'clock in the Morning where the Procession was formed by Lodges, according to Juniority and proceeding from thence at 10 o'clock along the East side of Fourth Street to the South side of Market Street, along the South side of Market Street to the East side of Eighth Street, along the East side of Eighth Street to the

South side of Arch Street, along the South side of Arch Street to the East side of Sixth Street, along the East side of Sixth Street to the South side of Race Street and along the South side of Race Street to St. John's Church, in the following Order to wit:

Two Trumpets.

Tyler with drawn Sword.

Industry Lodge No. 131, in the following Order, Viz:

Masters of Ceremonies with drawn Swords.

Enter'd Apprentices, Two and Two.

Fellow Crafts, Two and Two.

Master Masons, Two and Two.

Past Masters, Two and Two.

Deacons with their Wands, Blue Tipt with White.

Secretary and Treasurer.

Wardens of the Lodge, bearing their Columns.

Master of the Lodge, carrying his Mallet.

On the Flank of the Lodge, One of the Members of the Lodge acting as Marshal of his own Lodge in the Procession and bearing a Blue Wand Tipt with Silver.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 130, in the same Order.

Temple Lodge, No. 128, in the same Order.

Philanthropy Lodge, No. 127, in the same Order.

Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, in the same Order.

Herman's Lodge, No. 125, in the same Order.

Union Lodge, No. 121, in the same Order.

St. John's Lodge, No. 115, in the same Order.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, in the same Order.

Columbia Lodge, No. 91, in the same Order.

Lodge Amenite, No. 73, in the same Order.

A Military Band of Music.

Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, in the same Order.

Orange Lodge, No. 71, in the same Order.

Concordia Lodge, No. 67, in the same Order.

Washington Lodge, No. 59, in the same Order.

Harmony Lodge, No. 52, in the same Order.

Lodge No. 51, in the same Order.

Lodge No. 19 in the same Order.

Lodge No. 9 in the same Order.
Lodge No. 3 in the same Order.
Lodge No. 2 in the same Order.
Brethren not united by Membership to any Lodge, and also Brethren, Members of Lodges under other Jurisdictions, Two and Two.

A Band of Military Music.

Grand Lodge in the following Order, Viz:

Grand Tyler with drawn Sword.
Members of the New Hall, (or Building,) Committee, (those Members of said Committee who are not Grand Officers, the Grand Officers filling their proper places as such,) Two and Two, carrying the Key of the New Hall.
Banner of Free Mason's Arms borne by a Past Master.
Twelve Past Masters, Two and Two, bearing White Wands.
Architect carrying the Square, Level and Plumb Rule, with the Book of Architecture.
Those Trustees of the Masonic Loan who are not Grand Officers, Two and Two.
Four Past Masters carrying the Lodge covered with White Satin.
Two Past Masters carrying Golden Pitchers containing Oil and Wine.
A Past Master carrying a Golden Cornu-Copiæ, containing Corn.
The Third Light borne by a Past Master.
Past Grand Wardens.
The Second Light borne by a Past Master.
Past Deputy Grand Masters.
The First Light borne by a Past Master.
Past Grand Masters.
A Past Master carrying the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses on a Crimson Velvet Cushion, supported by Two Past Masters.
Grand Chaplains.
Deputy Grand Secretary carrying the Book of Minutes.
Grand Secretary carrying the Book of Constitution and Grand Treasurer carrying his Staff.

Grand Wardens bearing their Columns.

Grand Officers and Officers of the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Maryland, Two and Two.

Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Sword Bearer, carrying the Sword of State, and a Past Master carrying the Golden Mallet.

Grand Master.

Two Grand Deacons with Wands, Silvered and Tipt with Gold.

Grand Pursuivant with drawn Sword.

Two Grand Marshals, on Grey Horses, on the Flanks of the Procession, superintended the Marshals of the Subordinate Lodges and the whole Line of the Procession carrying Blue Truncheons Tipt with Gold.

The Distance between the Files in the Procession was 6 Feet.

The Front of the Procession having arrived at the Church, the Brethren Halted, faced inwards and opened their Ranks. The R. W. Grand Lodge, with the R. W. Grand Master at their Head, moved forward through the Ranks, the Brethren uncovered as the Grand Lodge passed them, closed their Ranks from the rear and followed the Grand Lodge into the Church, where an Oration, adapted to the occasion, was delivered by the R. W. Grand Master, accompanied with prayers, Thanksgiving and Solemn Music in the following Order, to wit:

On the entrance of the Procession, Voluntary on the Organ, by Brother Robert Taylor.

GRAND CHORUS.

Written by Brother John Nisbet, P. M. of Lodge N°. 126, composed by Brother Robert Taylor.

Sung by the Choir.

Raise, raise the Choral strain,
To Hail the Noble train,
  Of Masons bright,
Lo! where the social band!
Honour'd with high command,
Still firm in Wisdom stand,
  Hail Chiefs of Light!

PRAYER.

By the Reverend Brother George Richards, Grand Chaplain.

MASONIC HYMN.

Composed by Brother Robert Taylor.

Sung by the Choir.

Supreme Grand Master! most sublime!
High Thron'd in Glory's radiant clime;
Behold thy Sons, on bended Knee,
Conven'd, O God! to Worship Thee!

And as 'tis Thine, with open Ear,
The suppliant Voice of Prayer to hear,
Grant thou, O Lord! this One request,
Let Masons be, in blessing, blest.

O give the Craft, from Pole to Pole,
The feeling Heart, the pitying Soul,
The gen'rous Breast, the lib'ral Hand,
Compassion's Balm, and Mercy's band.

With Charity that pours around,
The Wine and Oil, on Mis'ry's wound;
And heals the Widow's, Orphan's Heart,
Deep pierc'd by Sorrow's Venom'd Dart.

Then to thy Throne, the Craft shall raise
One Deathless song of grateful praise;
And Masons, Men, in Chorus join,
To Hymn the pow'r of Love Divine.

That Love supreme, thy Love, O God!
Which Heav'n itself shall pour abroad;
Till Light, Life, Peace, adorn the Vale,
And Angels, Men, pronounce all Hail!

ORATION ON MASONRY.

By Brother James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.

MASONIC HYMN.

Written by Brother Joseph Clay, P. M. of Lodge N°. 3, composed by Brother Carr, Sung by Brother Nisbet.

Chorus by the Choir.

Before revolving Years began,
The whole Creation's glorious plan,
  Almighty Wisdom laid;
But, till the appointed Time should pass,
A Void, deformed Chaotic Mass,
  The Universe was made.

Nor yet had Dawn'd the sacred light,
But o'er the World, primeval Night,
  Held undivided sway:
"Let there be Light" the Almighty spoke,
As the First beam through Chaos broke,
  He bless'd the Heavenly ray.

Then starting from Confusion's bed,
Young Order heav'd his beauteous Head,
  And the First Day—Spring Hail'd:
'Twas then the Rosy Hours were born,
That, blushing, led the Orient Morn,
  And Nature's Face unveil'd.

Then, First, the teeming Earth appear'd;
Then, First, the Heavenly Vault was rear'd,
  And fill'd with Glory's blaze;
On High the Ruling Lights were hung,
While Angel to Archangel sung,
  Th' Almighty Master's praise.

His Wisdom saw that all was good;
Beauty with Strength united stood,
  In Harmony combin'd,
The gloomy reign of Night was o'er,
Hoarse Discord's Voice was heard no more,
  Disorder stood confin'd.

'Twas thus, the Human race remain'd
In hopeless Bonds, by Passion Chain'd,
  To Ignorance and Guilt;
Till, after many a rolling age,
When the Wise King, and Tyrian Sage,
  The Holy Temple Built.

Then intellectual darkness ceas'd,
Majestic, in the kindling East,
  The Sun of Masons shone.
Thence to the West the Light he shed,
To us the bright effulgence spread,
  To Masons only known.

Thou, who did'st into being call,
Yon rolling Orbs, this Earthly Ball,
  Thou bad'st Thy Light to shine
For This—for All thy Mercies, LORD!
But Chiefly for Thy Holy Word,
  Eternal praise be Thine.

PRAYER.

By the Reverend Brother Doctor William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

133RD PSALM, By the Choir.

1. Lo, what an entertaining sight
    Are Brethren that Agree;
  Brethren, whose cheerful Hearts unite
    In Bands of piety!

2. 'Tis like the Oil, Divinely sweet,
    On Aaron's rev'rend Head;
  The trickling drops perfum'd his Feet,
    And o'er his garments spread.

3. 'Tis pleasant as the Morning Dews
    That fall on Zion's Hill,
  Where God His mildest glory shews,
    And makes His grace distil.

BENEDICTION.

By the Reverend Brother Doctor Rogers.

The Society were Honoured with the attendance at the Church of the Honourable Judges of the several Courts, the Attorney General of the State, the Mayor, Recorder, and Alderman of the City, the Reverend Clergy of various denom-

inations, and the Directors of the Academy of Fine Arts, together with many other respectable Characters, and a brilliant assemblage of Ladies.

After the services were concluded, the Procession was again taken up in the same Order and proceeded from the Church along the South side of Race to Fourth Street, along the East side of Fourth to Arch Street, along the South side of Arch to Third Street, along the East side of Third to Chestnut Street, and along the South side of Chestnut Street to the New Hall. The Front of the Procession having arrived at the New Hall, the Brethren halted, faced inwards and opened their Ranks as before. The Members of the New Hall, (or Building,) Committee, carrying the Key, moved on to the Front Door of the New Hall, unlocked and opened the same on the approach of the R. W. Grand Master. The R. W. Grand Master, preceded by the Grand Banner bearer, Grand Pursuivant and Grand Deacons, followed in the First place by the Grand Lodge, in the Second place by all the Masters of the Lodges, (who left their Lodges as the Grand Lodge passed by them and fell in immediately after the Grand Lodge according to Seniority,) and in the Third place by the remainder of the procession, closing from the rear, thereupon entered the New Hall in Ancient and Solemn Form.

On the Grand Masters reaching Solomon's Chair, the Officers and Members took their Seats. The Lodge was then placed in the Centre of the Hall, and the Three Lights with the Golden Cornu-copiæ and Pitchers, containing Corn, Wine and Oil, were placed thereon. The Bible, Square and Compasses on a Crimson Velvet Cushion were placed on the Grand Master's Pedestal, and the Grand Lodge was Tyled.

Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Bro^r. Alexander W. Walker, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" George Bartram, Esqr., Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Andrew M. Prevost, Grand Marshal.
" William Anderson, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. John Andrews,
" " " William Rogers, } Grand Chaplains.
" " " George Richards,

Bro^r. William Adcock, Esqr.,
" Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr.,
" William Moore Smith, Esqr., } R. W. Past Grand Masters.
" Israel Israel, Esqr.,

" Frederick Wolbert, Esqr., R. W. Past Deputy G. Master.

The R. W. Grand Master and other Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, to wit:

Bro^r. Aaron D. Woodruff, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" William McKissack, R. W. D. G. M.
" Franklin Davenport, R. W. S. G. W.
" Ellett Howell, R. W. J. G. W.
" Samuel J. Reed, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Jonathan Rhea, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" George McDonald, Dep^y. G. Secretary.
" Isaac Barnes, S. G. Deacon.
" Joseph I. Thompson, J. G. Deacon.
" Andrew S. Hunter, Grand Marshal.
" Henry Bellerjeau, Grand Sword Bearer.

The R. W. Grand Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, to wit:

Bro^r. Doct^r. John Crawford, R. W. Grand Master.
" Doct^r. Watkins, R. W. D. G. Master.
" Peter Little, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Stapleton, R. W. J. G. W., P. T.
Rev^d. Brother Hargrove, Grand Chaplain.
Bro^r. William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 43, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 84, 91, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 118, 121, 126, 127, 128, 130 and 131 represented.

Thirty One Lodges being represented the Lodge was un-

covered and Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form, when an impressive prayer was offered up by the Rev^d. Brother William Rogers, D. D., One of the Grand Chaplains.

The Grand Secretary intimated to the R. W. Grand Master, the Architect's desire to return the implements entrusted to his care in the erecting of the Hall. Whereupon, Brother Darragh, the Architect, addressed the Grand Master, who expressed his high satisfaction at the completion of the Hall, and commanded the Grand Wardens to receive back the Implements, which was complied with, and they were laid on the Lodge.

The Grand Secretary then informed the Grand Master that it was the desire of the Brethren to have the Hall Dedicated to The Grand Architect of the Universe and to Masonry. The Grand Master thereupon commanded his Grand Officers, and requested the favour of the R. W. Grand Masters of the R. W. Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Maryland, and of his Venerable predecessors, the R. W. Past Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, to assist in that Solemn Ceremony.

A Dedication Prayer was then offered up by the Reverend Brother George Richards, D. D., One of the Grand Chaplains.

The Grand Officers then made a Procession round the Lodge Three different Times, at the end of which the Grand Master, strewing Corn over the Lodge, declared in Solemn Form the Hall Dedicated To The Grand Architect of The Universe and to Masonry, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Honours were given. The Grand Officers again made a Procession round the Lodge Three different Times, at the End of which the Grand Master pouring Wine over the Lodge, declared in Solemn Form the Hall Dedicated To Virtue and Science, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Honours were given as before. The Grand Officers again made a Procession round the Lodge Three different Times, at the end of which the Grand Master pouring Oil on the Lodge in Solemn Form, declared the Hall Dedicated to Universal Charity and Benevolence, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Honours were given as before.

A Consecration Prayer was then offered up by the Reverend Brother Richards, Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Master returning to Solomon's Chair,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, Unanimously, That the Thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Master for the elegant and Appropriate Oration by him this Day delivered in St. John's Church before this Grand Lodge, and that he be respectfully requested to furnish a Copy thereof for publication. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to promise a compliance with the said request.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, Unanimously, That the Thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Maryland for their Assistance in the Ceremonies of this Day

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the Thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to the New Hall (or Building) Committee for their care and Attention in superintending the erection of the New Hall.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the Thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to the Committee of Arrangement, and the Committee which attended at the Church, for the services by them rendered.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the Thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to "The Trustees of St. John's Church" for the use of their Church obligingly granted on the Occasion of the Masonic Procession, and the delivery of the Masonic Oration before this Grand Lodge on this Day.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the Thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to the Ladies and Gentlemen composing the Choir, and to all who assisted in the Vocal and Instrumental performances this Day in St. John's Church before this Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the Thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be tendered to the respective Persons composing the Bands of Music which accompanied the Procession on this Day for their disinterested services.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 4 o'clock, P. M., and the Brethren repaired to the various places of refreshment previously arranged.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

MASONIC BANQUET.

The Grand Lodge with the Grand Officers of New Jersey and Maryland, a Number of other respectable Visitors and Brethren, about 200 in Number, sat down at 5 o'clock in the Afternoon of St. John's Day, 24th June, 1811, to a Banquet provided in the New Hall, when the following Toasts were drank with the accustomed Honours, Viz:

1. The Day.—The Proudest in the Annals of our Lodge.—May it prove the most propitious on the Tablets of Charity.
2. Our New Hall.—While social Harmony reigns in its Courts, its secret recesses shall prove a Sanctuary for Brothers, and "a Lodge for the Virtues."
3. The Memory of Brother General George Washington.—May the gratitude of Masons display itself in Deeds, and rouse the slumbering sensibility of the Nation.
4. The Grand Lodges of the United States.—Wisdom to their deliberations, Strength to their Measures, and Moral Beauty to their Conduct.
5. Our Country.—Devotion to its Interests: One of the proudest traits in the Masonic Character.
6. Our Fair Sisters.—Their Happiness the principal object of our Institution.—In excluding Beauty from the Temple of Wisdom we distrust ourselves rather than them.
7. The Academy of Fine Arts and the Society of Artists.—They have sown "good Seed in good Ground:" May they be remunerated by an abundant Harvest.

8. The Clergy of the United States.—Guardians of the First great Light of Masonry, they display its influence by lives spent in Acts of Piety and Devotion.
9. The Mystic Signal.—The Last Appeal; never be it given without effect!

At Half past 8 o'clock in the Evening the Company separated in the utmost Harmony and good Order.

The Solemn and impressive solemnities of the Day were not interrupted by any unpleasant occurrences. As large a concourse of spectators as were ever Assembled on a public Occasion, conducted themselves with the greatest propriety and Decorum, and the display made by the Craft in the Procession, (about 750 in Number,) far excelled in Beauty and Order any former exhibition of a similar kind.

ORATION ON MASONRY
delivered at
St. John's Church in the City of Philadelphia
at the request of the
Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
on St. John's Day, June 24th, 1811,
By James Milnor, Esquire,
Grand Master.

The connexion of the institution of Free Masonry with the mechanic arts, and more particularly with that of architecture, has frequently occasioned the agency of its members to be solicited in the conduct of ceremonials used at the commencement and completion of public structures. In Europe much of the pomp and solemnity exhibited on such occasions has been derived from this society, which has always manifested a becoming promptitude and zeal, as well in the encouragement of works of art calculated to embellish the places of their erection, as of the scientific, moral, religious or beneficent objects of the institutions to which they appertain.

The solemn dedication of their own lodges, it has immemorially been the usage of Masons to accompany with the most impressive evidences of the serious and instructive nature of their institution. Public exhibitions of the badges and implements of their order neither are, nor ought to be eagerly

sought; but it has been conceived due to the interesting event of a successful completion of a great and arduous undertaking, that none of the accustomed rites of our ancient and honourable society should on this occasion be neglected.

The determination of the Grand Lodge has been followed by one painful circumstance to him who has now the honour of addressing this respectable and crowded audience. He has been constrained by his Official station and the solicitations of the brethren, to assume a duty of a novel and embarrassing nature, from which, had obedience and respect permitted, he would gladly have retired. On the united indulgence of his brethren and his fellow Citizens, he depends for a favourable reception of a few unadorned reflections, and imperfect elucidations, of the antiquity, nature and design of the oldest institution at this time existing in the known world, followed by a few counsels to our members, arising out of the subject, and the auspicious solemnities of the day.

On the point of our antiquity there is no division of sentiment, either amongst the members of our fraternity, or others who have been at the pains of investigating the subject. Some however would carry back our annals not only to the remote ages of the world, but to the origin of the world itself, in which respect they are only so far incorrect, as to claim for the ceremonials of the masonic system an antiquity which belongs more certainly to the principles on which it is founded.

Those principles have their unquestioned source in the pure and immaculate mind of the Almighty Architect, and his beneficence to the human race in their implantation in the mind of man, is forever a subject of humble gratitude in the mind of every faithful Mason. To this divine source of light and knowledge were the first framers of our inestimable order indebted for the means of so settling its foundations and raising its goodly superstructure, as to render it impregnable to every attack, hostile or insidious, that has ever been aimed at its existence. While, however, we do not claim for the order, in a form similar to what we see it now assume, a birth coeval with creation, yet its rudiments are to be found in the earliest efforts of mankind in the art of building, and more particu-

larly in some of those stupendous monuments of art, which sacred history informs us occupied the industry of men in the first ages of the world. Operative masonry preceded that which we term Spiritual, or sometimes, though incorrectly, speculative. Associations in the labours of a handicraft occupation produced an intimate union of its followers in the interests connected with their pursuits in life. These led to an extension of the objects of their union beyond the views of those with whom it commenced. The narrow limits of a contracted professional intercourse were soon disregarded. Members of the other mechanical branches of human industry were admitted into fellowship, the ties of mutual friendship were strengthened, and the general interests of architecture and the other useful arts were advanced by a combination of all the talents and exertions of their numerous professions. A yet more liberal extension of the benefits of this social fraternity at length succeeded. The institution no longer excluded from its meetings, the votaries of science, the teachers of religion, the cultivators of Philosophy. Under the disposing hand of providence, a measure at first of apparently the most confined tendency, eventuated in the establishment of a confederacy of the wise and good of all nations, engaged them in the most laudable objects of emulation, without distinction of sect or name, and gave promise of a duration to this work as permanent as the globe itself.

I do not contemplate a profound investigation of the various circumstances attending the formation and progress of this magnificent plan. Many of them, like other remote historical transactions, be buried in the gloom of obscurity, some are illumed by a doubtful light, and others can only be commented upon within the hallowed walls of the lodge itself. One fact, however, is handed down to us by evidence which we deem indisputable. It is our well grounded boast that although Masonry did not originate with, yet it is indebted to Solomon, the wisest of men, for some of its most essential embellishments and characteristic securities against decay.

From the days in which he was engaged in complying with the high behests of Almighty wisdom, by the erection of a

sublime temple to the glory of the King of Universal nature, exhibiting a display of unrivalled taste and skill in architectural grandeur and magnificence, a faithful tradition has transmitted to us imperishable memorials of the Assiduity in the promotion of the royal art. Through a long line of distinguished professors, the utmost reverence has been maintained for this dignified and renowned Grand Master, whose superior wisdom, as evinced by the sacred records, is with us still further established by the permanent advantages secured by him to the indestructible fabric of the lodge. His temple, the product of so much wisdom and labour, has in the fulfilment of divine volition fallen into ruins. Reared a second time, it has long since been overtaken by destruction, but the Temple of Masonry still endures. It has withstood the waste of ages, and continues to look without the indulgence of a single fear for its own safety, at the gradual decline, or more rapid overthrow, of the various other movements of man's wisdom and industry from time to time laid prostrate around it.

Shall we be considered as vain-glorious when we insist that strong antidotes against the fell destroyer, to which other associations have fallen victims, are possessed by the votaries of this august edifice, or will be accused of presumption in considering it as singularly protected by the guardianship of that omniscient providence without whose divine permission not even a sparrow falls?

It would be a matter of interest and amusement to deduce the history of Masonry from the times already spoken of through a succession of after ages, to point out its extensive ramifications through the different parts of the civilized world, to exhibit the manner in which its useful purposes have been accomplished under all the disparities and contentions of nations, sects and parties, to evince its powerful influence at various times in softening the passions of men; in assuaging the horrors of war, and in rescuing the helpless sons of poverty and misfortune from the miseries of sickness and distress. A still more lively feeling of interest and pleasure would be created by confining our view to the land of our forefathers, from which our original authority for carrying on the

work of the Craft was derived, and with whom, as an independent body, we continue to maintain the most amicable intercourse.

There we should witness its existence under the dominion of a Cæsar; its subsequent propagation by the celebrated St. Alban, who died a martyr to the Christian faith, its zealous protection by the enlightened Alfred and his Grandson Athelstan, the personal superintendence of the Craft by King Edwin, by whom the first Grand Constitution at York was framed, its subsequent patronage by successive sovereigns, and ardent pursuit by men whose names are an honour to the page of history, and whose talents and virtues were the boast of the times in which they lived. Would time permit to take such a view, we should see, on the one hand, the splendours of royalty and nobility encircling the first offices of the institution, while on the other we would perceive the effulgence dimmed by the brighter rays of Genius and Science emitted by a Locke and many other shining and distinguished luminaries, whose corruscations have at various times illumined the inner veil of the temple.

The transition to our own hemisphere would be still more exhilarating because the sentiments of patriotism would be added to the love of the Craft, and our feelings both as Citizens and Masons, would be gratified by dwelling on an host of American worthies whose memories are endeared to us by a recollection of their merits in the field and in the cabinet, men who evinced a successful union of sublime and undeviating attachment to the liberties and happiness of their country, with a sedulous attention to all the duties arising out of their relation to the Craft.

Averse as is the genius of our order from scenes of war and carnage, we should see her accompanying the patriot soldiers of our revolution to the ensanguined field of battle. Her gentle accents persuading to deeds of humanity were heard amid the din of arms and the clangour of the loud swelling trumpet. The leaders of our armies performed the duties of the Lodge in the midst of the hurrying engagements of the camp. Congenial minds found gratification in the exchanges

of fraternal confidence. Relief was ever ready for a brother's wants, and even a yielding enemy found succour, not forbidden by the Laws of war, in a recognizing brother's arms.

In one of the memorable occurrences of those eventful times, the Warrant of a British Military Lodge fell into the hands of the American army. The generosity of a patriot and a Mason instantly restored it, accompanied by a letter of the following import:

"When the ambition of monarchs or the jarring interests of contending states call forth their subjects to war, as Masons we are disarmed of that resentment which stimulates to undistinguished desolation, and however our political sentiments may impel us in the public dispute, we are still brethren, and, (our professional duty apart,) ought to promote the happiness and advance the weal of each other. Accept, therefore, at the hands of a brother, the Constitution of the 'Lodge Unity, No. 18,' held in the seventeenth British regiment, which your late misfortunes have put in my power to restore to you."

Our valued countryman and brother, General Parsons, tarnished none of his laurels by this fraternal and gentlemanly action.

If, after carrying back our grateful recollections to the times just referred to, we had leisure to proceed to the enumeration of our eminent American brethren, first on the bright roll of Masonic fame would stand forth, in majestic pre-eminence, our glorious Washington. Ah, lamented brother! for we dare to greet thy memory by that endearing appellation, thou knewest how to value the association which thy engaging presence so often graced. Dazzled not with the gewgaws of titles and distinctions, thy consummate wisdom could rightly appreciate the honours of the lodge. The recorded evidences of thy warm attachment to the brethren they will treasure as the Jewels of their order; the precepts thou hast left them still remain engraven on the tablets of their hearts, and thy sainted memory shall live forever in the bosoms of the faithful and upright.

The venerable sage, whose philosophic mind held converse with the heavenly bodies, while the best affections of his heart were engaged in the promotion of the welfare of Mankind,

would conspicuously shine as one of the great lights of our temple. The illustrious Franklin added to his other merits, an unremitted attention to the requirements of masonry, and in the exercise of the highest Offices of the Craft, zealously inculcated its inestimable benefits.

The defender of the liberties of America, the brave, the unfortunate Warren, who met his resistless fate at the dawn of his country's independence, was ranked as a distinguished Grand Master of this society. The gratitude of his brethren has rescued his remains from the obscurity of an unmonumented grave. They have erected to his memory an evidence of their love, just to the virtues of his character and honourable to themselves.

How long shall it be told, to the disgrace of a great and flourishing people, indebted under God, in a great degree, for their happiness and prosperity to the unparalleled efforts of our lamented Washington, that though he sacrificed domestic comfort and tranquility and all his best enjoyments to acquire for them freedom and independence, with listless indifference they can let his dear remains moulder in the private tomb of his family without one solitary public evidence of a nation's gratitude and love!

Pardon this digression, my friends. This is no place, nor is it my proud aim to wake a slumbering people's ear by my accusing voice, but I have a right to say to you, my brethren of the fraternity, to whom he was so affectionately allied, that although you may not be able to raise imposing columns and soaring monumental trophies worthy of his exalted merits, yet does the sweet and animating hope warm this breast that the example of your eastern brethren will not be disregarded. They have honoured themselves in honouring the name of the gallant Warren. Is the moment far distant when you shall achieve a greater object, in being the earliest to testify your love to the man "first in War, first in Peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," to which we may add pre-eminently first in the affections of his bereaved brethren.

We have not time to finish the catalogue of deceased heroes and patriots whose names adorn the records of Masonry in our

land, nor will we detain you by pointing you to the pillars, by which the august dome of the Masonic edifice is now sustained throughout the United States. Let us employ a few moments in pursuing our cursory review of the nature and design of a society, which has in so extraordinary a manner, engaged the affections of many of the wisest and best men in all ages of the world.

I have adverted to the manner in which this society first took its rise. It grew out of apparently obvious causes. The principle of association is grounded in the nature of man. From his origin, solitude has been averse from his inclinations and his habits. In the society of his fellowmen alone he finds an opportunity for the exercise of the best qualities with which he has been endowed by his Creator, and he is therefore prompted to seek it by motives that have only yielded in some unhappy instances to the bias of misanthropy or the errors of superstition.

Frequently, however, the indulgence of this natural and commendable propensity has been alloyed by many inconveniences. Mischievous objects in their framers, the use of bad means for the attainment of laudable ends, the perversion of the original design of their formation, contracted principles of exclusion on the score of a want of perfect coincidence with settled creeds and opinions, and an illiberal want of regard to the fair and honest sentiments of others, have a short-lived existence to many an undertaking in spite of every boasted attempt at the enlistment of popular feeling in its favour. It is not meant to condemn the union of individuals for purposes of a less general kind. Limited as are the objects of many of these connexions, they are themselves useful, and are in themselves useful, and are the links by which the great chain of human society is united and maintained. But Masonry does not arrogate too much when she professes to combine all the advantages and to avoid many of the evils to which establishments of a more confined nature are exposed. Her arms encircle the habitable globe. She disdains proselytism, but she opens the portals of her sacred asylum to all who seek admission, with the recommendation of a character unspotted by

immorality and vice. Leaving to the great searcher of hearts the awful charge of trying the consciences of men, she enquires not whether the candidate for her favours be of Paul or Apollos or Cephas. She requires only his assent to those great principles of unerring truth, those infallible doctrines for the government of life which are written by the finger of God on the heart of man. Let not, however, the liberal acknowledgment be misunderstood so as to subject us to mistaken censure and reproach. Imagine not that Christian Masons are insensible to the blessings of the divine system, which the Saviour of men has propounded for the exercise of their faith and the regulation of their lives. Their solemn rites, the sanctions of their Masonic fidelity, the orisons which they unite in addressing to the supreme Grand Master of the Universe, have all a reference to and dependence upon the inestimable volumes of revelation, by which the precepts of natural religion are so intelligibly explained and so awfully enforced. The universality of our great scheme embraces the benevolent and good wherever they are found, but greatly must its objects be perverted when in a Christian land it becomes the encourager of skepticism and infidelity. Such, however, has been the accusation of a Barruel and a Robinson. Their motives and their learning we can duly appreciate, but we solemnly believe they have cast an imputation upon our society which it does not merit. The evidences of our belief on this head we cannot in this place fully detail. Suffice it to observe that to all Masons, the facts relied on by these writers are the best evidence of the falsehood of the charge. They know that the very forms pursued, as it is said, in the orgies of those midnight conspirators against the peace of society, no less than the diabolical views of their association, belong not to the practice of legitimate masonry, are incapable of admixture with it. In the too general depravation of morals, prevalent throughout the European world, which has convulsed it to its centre, that some individuals honoured with the badges of our order have so far disgraced them as to lend their aid in the work of destruction is more than probable; that sacrilegious profanations and perversions of some of our

rites may by such have been attempted is also possible, but that the regularly constituted Lodges of Masons have engaged in these nefarious schemes will only be believed by the prejudiced and uncandid.

The equality recognized in our assemblies is of a more rational kind than to invite to visionary schemes for leveling the distinctions established in society, or depriving those of honors on whom the community has thought fit to bestow them. To excel in virtue and in a knowledge of the royal art are the recommendations which, without regard to his condition as to rank or property, should alone entitle to the honours of the lodge. But it would be derogatory to the character of Masonry, were it for a moment to be considered as depriving any of its members of the respect due to their various stations in life. It would indirectly at least, infringe upon a settled rule of our order to which the preceding observations naturally lead. For next to reverence towards the Supreme Being and respect for the religion of his country, the most early and important lesson impressed upon the mind of a Mason is submission to its government and Laws. As the contensions of theological discussion are banished from our meetings, so are all the distractions of political strife. As men we cleave to that religious faith, which our reason and conscience enjoin. As Citizens we adhere to those political principles and pursuits which our best judgments have adopted. The ever varying opinions of mankind on these subjects will never be reconciled. Masonry does not attempt it; but she invites her votaries to the indulgence of mutual candour and forbearance. She restricts not the independent enjoyment of civil and religious privileges as personal predilection or our several stations in the community require, but she sedulously tyles the doors of her hallowed sanctuary against the intrusion of every thing calculated to disturb the unruffled peace and harmony of its transactions. The strong wall of partition erected by our great Master Builder between the mild and peaceful employments of this abode of charity and love and the discord and contentions which agitate and distract the world has hitherto stood firm and immoveable. The towers of strength

which surmount its elevated height are our sure defence against external force. The truth and honour of virtuous and upright minds are our internal security against all attempts to overthrow or weaken the grand bulwark of our confidence and safety.

The remarks already made are sufficient to show the evils against whose introduction the lodge is on its guard. But many an inquisitive mind has already within itself proposed the question. If thus you exclude the favourite topics of the day, if the amiable aspect of religion is not permitted to be sacred among you by vain attempts to make her such, as each one's fancy would desire. If the modes and forms of civil government and the political conduct of rulers, claim none of your attention, if even the alluring occupation of personal scandal be banished from your meetings, how do you amuse the passing hour? What are the employments that thus fasten on the affections of your members and continue in prosperous succession, your multiplied associations through the world?

The inquiry cannot be fully answered in this place. A mystic veil of secrecy enshrouds the Lodge, which no effort of man dare attempt to read. The bond of our union is sealed with those impressive and irrevocable sanctions, whose force no lapse of time, no occurring circumstances can ever destroy. The laboured attempts of curiosity to gain an unwarrantable knowledge of the mysteries of Masonry have never yet been partially successful. An acquaintance with the Craft through the proper medium of access has satisfied many an incredulous noviciate, how impracticable is every exertion to become possessed of the benefits of the institution in any other way than that which immemorial usage has prescribed. But although the mysterious operations of the interior of our temple are thus concealed from the uninitiated, we are at liberty to reiterate the declaration that they involve not the most indirect infraction of the laws of God or of our country; that they strengthen, not impair all our obligations and duties toward the Supreme Being, our families, the community in which we live, and the world of mankind.

The assurance just advanced produces another inquiry. If our employments be thus innocent, why invest them with an impenetrable cloud of obscurity and concealment? It is our means of security against the sure destruction that has awaited all the other establishments of man, the most important pledge for the continuance of our usefulness?

Communicated to all, the value of our mysteries would mistakenly be appreciated by many, and strange as the assertion may seem it would really diminish, while it seemed to enlarge our sphere of practical benevolence. The commonness of the good, however estimable, would rob it of its attractions. The force of individual motive would be destroyed, and instead of those peculiar incentives that now so powerfully influence the feelings of Masons in favour of each other, all would be confounded and lost in the ever fluctuating opinions and fashions and follies of the world. The universal language by which Brother now recognizes Brother, whatever clime may have given him birth, must cease to exist. The privacy of our appeals to the humanity of each other, now attended with no Prostration of personal feelings, of manly sentiment, must also vanish, and an invidious crowd must witness alms solicited with timidity, and bestowed with reluctance as of favour, not of right. Our distressed and unfortunate brethren, if not irreclaimably vicious, under the present admirable constitutions of our order, have little occasion for the language of solicitation. Their connexion with the fraternity entitles to claim were it necessary, what it is our happiness in general to see spontaneously afforded.

This is the office of the Lodge that I may speak of as its most delicious employment. Its exercise is the means of greater personal delight than all the other engagements of the craft combined.

Oh! Charity! thou first of Christian graces! How resplendent is thy lustre in the bosom of the lodge! Here let the faithful suffering brother divulge his misfortunes and his wrongs. No matter though a frowning world has crushed him to the dust. No matter though unpitying friends have passed him heedless, here shall he find a balsam for his

wounds, a cordial to assuage the sufferings of an agonized mind.

The godlike offices of Charity amongst Masons know not intermission. Within the enclosures of the Masonic temple she is ever present, prompting her obedient votaries to deeds of kindness and of love. She wipes the tears from sorrow's weeping eye, restores the faded blush of health to the woe-worn cheek, and gives the welcome of friendship to the wandering child of poverty and distress. Does she hear the faint whisper of complaint, the distant wailings of misery and woe? At her bidding the messengers of consolation and relief fly forth with winged speed. Ah! widowed mourner! Ah! fatherly victim of wretchedness and want, you are ready to attest the alacrity and sufficiency of the relief afforded by your husband's, by your father's friends. You bless the hour which bestowed on him franchise of the Lodge. It was in the days of his prosperity, before the billows of adverse fortune were even seen rolling at a distance, ere one cloud of fearful apprehension had risen into view. He joined the band of brethren to become the minister of good to others. Little did he foresee this unlooked-for reverse, which has made the bounty he intended to relieve the wants of strangers the means of rescuing his own innocent family from the depths of wretchedness and despair. If his ascended spirit possesses a knowledge of this world's doing, how will it exult in a view of the grateful services to which a recollection of his virtues are now inciting his associates and friends of the peaceful asylum in which he has unconsciously prepared for the loved objects of his heart's affections!

The dispensation of relief by this society is qualified by but one restriction, while the sphere of its extension is most benevolently enlarged by disregarding several to which common charities are subjected. The indiscriminate lavisher of pecuniary grants is often unactuated by generosity of feeling or the desire of doing good. He throws away his money with equal indifference and folly upon suffering merit or upon the worthless and undeserving, because inquiry into the justice of the petition would intrude upon his leisure, or the lamenta-

tions of misery are unwelcome to his ears. His carelessness makes him often the minister of vice, the prompter of dissipation, the encourager of the profligate in his downward course to ruin and destruction. His motive, if he has any, will scarcely apologize for the crime of adding fuel to the flame which is consuming the wretched slave of intemperance and excess. Not so the Lodge. While her rules prescribe a patient hearing to the tale of sorrow, she applies a guard against the impositions of affected grief. While she anticipates with anxious solicitude the complaints of meritorious poverty, she refuses to administer to the lusts and passions of man. Not meanly fastidious, not unkindly slow and dilatory, not anxiously seeking an excuse for withholding the required boon, she, nevertheless, by her regular and well known plan of inquiry prevents the treasury of the virtuous and good from being wasted upon the idle and wicked. She thus proposes a new incentive to the increase of her fund of beneficence by the certainty of its being suitably and worthily applied. She affords no reason for the dissolute and vile to pursue their course under the degrading expectation that when their resources are exhausted, they may find necessities of their own creation relieved by means laid up only for the pitiable sufferings of the children of misfortune. Thus for the restriction of Masonic Charity.

In other respects the benefactions of the lodge are extended beyond the usual limit. Pecuniary grants are but one means of administering to the wants of the distressed. An upholding hand, a friendly word of admonition, a soothing encouragement of drooping spirits, a right direction to disposition for application and industry, the formation of plans of useful employment and assisting in their accomplishment, these often prove more really useful than largesses of money. Masonry inculcates upon every distributor of her bounties to be singularly attentive in appropriately dispensing these grateful services. Many a delicate and ingenuous mind has been rendered happy by them, that would have revolted at the idea of asking or receiving pecuniary bounty. Neither do the principles of our society allow the corn of nourishment, the

wine of refreshment and the oil of joy to be withheld from the sufferings of humanity wheresoever they exist. They enjoin the most expansive benevolence. While they make the anguish of a suffering brother and his afflicted family the especial objects of regard, they teach us not to let our attention or assistance be denied to the afflictions of our fellow mortals, however unallied to us by the cords of masonic attachment. As the man who faithfully fulfils the duties of a father and husband will in general, be found in other respects a valuable member of the community in which he lives, so will the feeling mason by the exercise of his benevolent affections in the lodge, go into the discharge of his general duties of generosity and humanity towards the rest of mankind with an improved and ameliorated mind. The engagements into which he enters in relation to the practice of the offices of kindness and beneficence will be rendered still more influential by the reiterated injunction of precept by the force of habit. The lessons taught in the school of the lodge and their practical illustration will have the effect, if properly regarded, to fortify and prepare his mind for the discharge of this and all his other relative duties in society at large.

Do I observe a countenance indicating a suspicion of the justice of this eulogy and a disposition to abate its truth by a reference to the unworthy conduct of some of its members? The fact is admitted. The inference is denied. Masons are human beings, subject to all the passions and infirmities of man's fallen nature. Vice and its incentives belong not to the theory of the order, are banished from the practice of its duties. Individual conduct is scrupulously superintended in the body of the lodge, but mistaken apprehension of character and a variety of obvious causes have exposed this, like all other human establishments, to the inroads of the base and undeserving. Many also have prejudiced our association by forfeiting after their union with us that reputation which alone gained them admission. On such the purest precepts, the brightest examples of moral and correct deportment, although presented to them with the illuminations of the Sun of Righteousness himself and sanctioned by the irresistible

evidence of divine authority, sometimes are without effect. The obligations arising from a connection with a high professing order on such are equally unavailing. Private counsel condemned, more public admonition disregarded, the censures of the Lodge at length attach. The offender is removed as "a cumberer of the ground," and the destruction which awaited the healthy and vigorous plants into whose neighbourhood he had intruded in the garden of the lodge is thus averted. The records of the Grand Lodge and of those with whom we correspond, bear ample testimony to the well merited severity and extent of Masonic punishments. Yet in candour, we allow that the mild doctrines of our society lead in some instances to prejudicial indulgence to the failings and offences of our brethren. Cannot every candid mind supply us with an apology for even blameable forbearance? Forgiveness, Oh! Christianity! is the distinguishing attribute of thy divine author. Let not its exercise be restrained in the humble copiers of thy holy precepts! Rather afford the aids of the glorious system in amending than in destroying the unhappy wanderer from the paths of virtue!

Let such be our prayer, but irreclaimable vice must not be encouraged by false compassion. The hand of correction must not cruelly be withheld where its infliction, properly applied, may be the means at once of convincing and amending an erring brother and preserving that sacred temple which our beloved Washington pronounced to be "a sanctuary for Brothers and a lodge for the virtues" from the stains of impurity and vice.

When the good effects designed by our order are really produced, we humbly trust it will stand in a favourable point of view with many who may not anticipate an union with it. It will, we hope, lay some claims to the regard of our amiable friends, by whose presence our exercises are this day graced and honoured. Admitted not into participation in our mysteries, let them not suppose their exclusion to proceed from an invidious apprehension of the inferiority of their merits, or a mean suspicion of their ability sacredly to maintain a trust confided to their charge. In the daily habit of entrusting

them with our joys and sorrows, our hopes and our fears, such a motive would convict us of glaring inconsistency and obvious injustice. A better reason is to be found by considering the subject in analogy with the other institutions of civil society. These have marked out with a convenient discrimination the Offices appertaining to either sex. The dignity of the one and the amiableness of the other are injured by an infringement of the proper line of demarcation between their respective duties and employments. The broils of political controversy, the agitations of a military life, the turmoils of professional competition, the severer labours of the field and of the workshop, as well as most of those active pursuits which call the agent from the privacy of domestic life are usually the lot of man. They would mar the delicacy, offend the retiring modesty, and interfere with the milder though not less interesting engagements in which the virtuous woman so much delights. It is also the just eulogy of the sex that to those offices of kindness, in which we require a prompter, nature has so admirably adapted the female disposition as to render all incentives of an artificial nature wholly useless. Often while we are forming with much deliberation a mode of relieving the distresses of poverty and sickness, the alacrity of female benevolence has already afforded the requisite assistance. We are sometimes also happy in making them the personal distributors of the bounty of the lodge, in soliciting their participation in one of the most grateful offices of the institution, the delicate application of succour and support to the worthy sufferers of their own sex, whose misfortunes require the interposition of masonic aid. It has been well observed that "in excluding beauty from the temple of wisdom, we distrust ourselves rather than them." The powerful attraction of female charms placed constantly before us might lessen our attention to those obligations, in the tendency and result of which our female friends, by the unforeseen casualties of life, frequently become deeply interested. For it is the proudest boast of our association that it has in view as a most prominent object of regard this loveliest part of Nature's handiwork. In shutting the door of the lodge against their entrance it

exempts them from an intercourse of too general a kind to be consonant with the sentiments and habits. Those estimable associations of their own sex for the encouragement of industry and the relief of meritorious poverty, which rank amongst the highest evidences of the philanthropy of our City, we hail as our co-workers in the cause of charity; their associates we greet as our sisters in the allied family of the feeling and humane. We offer our prayers to the beneficent Author of all good, for this continued assistance in their pious undertakings, and may the blessing of many who are ready to perish rest upon their heads.

To you, my brethren of the fraternity, it remains to submit a brief address. A great deposit has been placed in your hands. On your fidelity to the delegated trust under your charge depends, I will not say the existence, but much of the character and usefulness of your laudable assemblages. I speak to you on this public occasion with the anxious solicitude of one allied to you by the most sacred ties, but would make my appeal in the language of fraternal affection, rather than with the authority which my station gives me. I claim a brother's right to avail myself of the present opportunity of making some suggestions, and urging upon you some counsels which this interesting epoch of our society renders peculiarly proper.

You have been of late favoured by our supreme Grand Master with a course of unexampled prosperity. The number of our Lodges and of the members in each lodge has increased beyond the measure of any previous calculation. Order and discipline have reigned triumphant at your meetings. Abuses have been corrected, intelligence and talents in the conduct of your labours have succeeded in many lodges to awkwardness and deformity; neatness and regularity now occupy the stations sometimes disgraced by carelessness and disorder. The wisdom of the East, the strength of the West, and the beauty of the South, combine their energies to plan, to erect, and to adorn the several compartments in the edifice of the lodge. Your leaders selected for their talents and their worth superintend and direct the work in which you are severally engaged with sagacity and skill, and the literary acquirements

of many of them afford you means of instruction of the most valuable kind. Your employments under such auspices become the ministers of pleasure and improvement. Their variety, symmetry and beauty delight the imagination, their tendency to invigorate the faculties and promote the best interests of the human race engage the understanding, and the disinterested benevolence of their practical operation enchain the best feelings of the heart.

Under the controuling influence of intellect, worthily engaged in laying open arcana of our order, dead and unmeaning ceremony rises into life and spirit. Beauties obscured, and hid by the rubbish heaped upon them by undesigning ignorance, emerge to the view of the astonished noviciate. An unchangeable attachment to a system which only requires to be understood to be loved and admired, is generally formed, and the mind and heart are strengthened and enlarged by the study and pursuit of its precepts and duties. Many of my brethren who now hear me, and to whose zeal and knowledge and industry I am rejoiced to bear testimony, will bear me out in this just and unexaggerated statement, and they will lament with me, that truth to which religion and masonry demand our adherence, cannot apply to the labours of every lodge under our charge, the praise which so many may justly claim.

Astonishing, however, is the influence of example, and the rising virtues of every branch of the Masonic family have the double effect of increasing the happiness of its own members, and inciting the emulation of others. My brethren, can there be a more noble ambition than the ambition of well doing? Is there any strife to be tolerated among us, but the glorious contest of excelling each other in all the qualifications that should characterize our profession as Masons? A mean jealousy of the merits and acquirements of others the noble mind disdains, but the generous attempt to equal and surpass in intelligence and goodness the brightest patterns of excellence around us, is our privilege and pride, both as Masons and men.

If there are any of my brethren now present who have entertained unworthy apprehensions of the noble order in

which they stand enrolled, if there are any whose understandings have not yet embraced the vast scope of its design, if there are any whose habits are at variance with the purity of the precepts enjoined upon them in the lodge, if there are any whose depraved inclinations would lead them to convert the brief and moderate indulgence of social but rational enjoyment after the labours of the lodge into a shameful gratification of the lowest appetites of our nature, if there is a solitary individual the weakness of whose resolution in the practice of his relative duties in society has not been assisted by his union with the craft, to all such I would present this honoured festival, this jubilee of masonic gratulation and delight, as the most favourable moment of reformation and amendment.

We are in a few moments to be engaged in the most interesting ceremonials of our institution. Under the benignant smiles of the supreme Grand Architect, we have accomplished a work which is an honour to us, and an ornament to our City. We are now to dedicate it to the honour of His glory. What mind so callous as not to feel awe, the most reverent, mixed with the highest exultation, at this solemn yet delightful service. Shall it be the mockery of senseless parade and sterile and unmeaning form? Or shall we unitedly consider it as a sincere consecration of the house of our future intercourse to the best interests of virtue and humanity?

This Day let an irrevocable decree of exclusion be passed upon every vice and impropriety that has ever intruded itself among us. The eyes of many are upon us, whose characters as our fellow citizens and friends entitle them to the highest estimation and regard; they have witnessed the exhibitions of this day, and their good sense will prevent them from hastily joining in the sneers which in some instances amazed ignorance has thrown out, at what its shallow apprehension has deemed trivial and unimportant appendages to light and insignificant pursuits. But to us, my brethren, on our future management and conduct of the affairs of this venerable institution, will it depend whether from this day forward the number of its patrons shall diminish or increase. In vain will have been the skill of the architect, and the labours of the

craftsmen employed in the erection of the magnificent building into which we are now about to enter, if the beauty and harmony of the interior correspond not with the elegance of its exterior appearance. Vice cannot be rendered virtue by the splendours of outside decoration and embellishment. Her hated visage is often rendered the more disgusting by laboured attempts to array her in the ornaments of virtue. Let us exhibit an exemplary consistency between the grandeur and elegance of the place of our assemblage and the conduct of all its internal transactions.

To you who hold the respectable rank of masters in the several Lodges, the duty of superintending the craft under your immediate charge properly belongs. Faithfully exercise it with impartiality and diligence, but without fear. Let no unbecoming departure from good order and discipline be for a moment countenanced. Be examples of yourselves of the virtues you are called to impress on others. Let the eminent stations you occupy receive a lustre from your able and intelligent discharge of all the duties they involve. If you have prematurely acquired the distinctions of the lodge, without the previous preparation requisite for a distinguished administration of their functions, retrieve your own character and that of our lodge by an ardent pursuit of the necessary knowledge. And you, my brethren, who aim at a future exaltation, qualify yourselves for well deserved preferment, remembering that ignorance and imbecility are rendered more visible by the glare of official distinction, and that the humblest situation is preferable to the highest if the latter be not adorned with the essential qualifications of masonic talents and personal virtue. To members of every class I would recommend the prosecution of earnest endeavours after the reputation of bright workmen, in all the labours belonging to their several grades of advancement, and to annex to the recommendation this solemn assurance that after their greatest attainments in the noble science, they will have achieved but little, unless it strengthen and improve all the moral and social virtues.

To you, my young brethren, I offer but one admonition. Temper your masonic zeal with a becoming prudence and dis-

cretion. Be cautiously attentive to the injunction addressed to you at your initiation, never to neglect your respective avocations for the business of masonry. A prudent distribution of your hours will soon convince you that no such sacrifice is required, but that your duties as masons are altogether compatible with the closest attention to your various pursuits in life.

Under the auspices of His all-seeing eye may all our undertakings be confessedly conducted. Regulating our actions by the *square* of virtue, the *plumb line* of rectitude, and the *level* of propriety; keeping our pleasurable gratifications within the *compass* of decency and moderation, and uniting our several associations with the *cement* of brotherly affection, may our terrestrial lodge become the emblem of the heavenly, and the innocent pleasures it dispenses, the harbingers of joys ineffable and eternal.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, 18th July, A. D. 1811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
" Samuel Lippincott, T., R. W. Junior G. W., P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Entriken, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Alexander McKenzie, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
" Andrew M. Prevost, Grand Marshal.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 51, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 128, 130 and 131 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that they had been convened for the purpose of considering of the propriety of raising an additional sum of Money by way of a Loan for Compleating the New Hall.

A Plan of an Additional Loan was thereupon presented by the R. W. Grand Master and read, and

On Motion made and Seconded, the same was again read and Unanimously Adopted, as follows, to wit:

"Whereas, the Funds within the power of this Grand Lodge "have proved to be insufficient for the entire completion of "the New Hall, and it is believed that the further sum of "Twenty Thousand Dollars will be abundantly sufficient to "finish the same in all its parts, as well as to supply such "Furniture as may be necessary for the several apartments. "Therefore,

"Resolved Unanimously, That the Brethren composing the "present Board of Trustees of the Masonic Loan be appointed "to obtain a further Loan in behalf of this Grand Lodge of "such Persons as may be willing to subscribe the same, to the "aforesaid amount in Shares of One Hundred Dollars each, "payable at the expiration of Twenty Years, or sooner, if in "the power of this Grand Lodge to do so, the Interest thereon "payable every Six Months at the Office of the Grand Secre-"tary, each subscriber to pay One Half of the Amount of his "Subscription at the Time of subscribing, or within Ten Days "thereafter, and the residue in Three Months, and the Interest "to commence at the Time such payments are respectively "made.

"Resolved Unanimously, That the form of subscription, "mode of payment, penalty for neglect to pay, Certificates of "Loan, and all other matters in relation to the Loan now pro-"posed, be similar to those adopted and pursued in relation "to the Loan of Forty Thousand Dollars by the Plan of the "Fifteenth Day of November, One Thousand Eight Hundred "and Nine, except as the same is or may be otherwise speci-"ally directed by this Grand Lodge.

"Resolved Unanimously, That the present Board of "Trustees of the Masonic Loan be the Trustees of this Loan

"until the First Monday in January next, when the sub-
"scribers shall elect the like number of persons and in like
"manner as is directed by the Plan above referred to, and so
"Annually thereafter until the object of the Trust is com-
"pleated, and the powers and Duties of the said Trustees shall
"be similar to those prescribed in said Plan.

"Resolved Unanimously, That the Trustees in whom the
"Legal Title to the Lot and Premisses in Chestnut Street is
"vested, be requested to execute a Mortgage or Instrument in
"Nature of a Mortgage, to the Persons composing the First
"Board of Trustees of the Second Masonic Loan in behalf of
"the Subscribers to the same, pledging the said Lot and
"Premisses in the most Legal and effectual manner (Subject
"to the Mortgage for Forty Thousand Dollars already given)
"for the payment of the aforesaid Loan of Twenty Thousand
"Dollars and Interest, at or before the expiration of Twenty
"Years from and after the First Day of January next."

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Half past 4 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 24th August, 1811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" James Cutbush, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Andrew M. Prevost, Grand Marshal.
" Alexander McKenzie, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

Bro^r. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master.

" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 43, 45, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 91, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130 and 131 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that they had been convened for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee respecting the Occupancy of the New Hall. Whereupon,

The said Committee made Report, which was read, and with some amendments, adopted as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
"vania:

"We the Committee appointed to report the manner in
"which the New Hall should be occupied by the several
"subordinate lodges in this city, to assess a rent upon the said
"lodges for the use and occupation thereof, and to take into
"consideration the mode of tyling for the said lodges,

"Respectfully report:

"That after mature deliberation on the several matters com-
"mitted to us, we are of opinion that the following plan of
"occupancy, (if approved by this Right Worshipful Grand
"Lodge,) will fully answer the expectations of the several
"lodges, &c., Viz:

	Stated Night in the Grand Lodge room.	Extra Night in additional Lodge room.
"No. 2,	2 Monday	4 Monday.
" 3,	3 Tuesday	1 Tuesday.
" 9,	1 Friday	3 Friday.
" 19,	1 Thursday	3 Thursday.
" 51,	4 Thursday	2 Thursday.
" 52,	1 Wednesday	3 Wednesday, (arch No. 52).
" 59,	2 Tuesday	4 Tuesday.
" 67,	2 Friday	4 Friday.
" 71,	4 Wednesday	2 Wednesday, (arch No. 3).
" 72,	2 Saturday	4 Saturday.

"No. 91, .	4 Monday . .	2 Monday.
" 114, .	3 Friday . . .	1 Friday.
" 115, .	1 Tuesday . .	3 Tuesday.
" 121, .	3 Thursday . .	1 Thursday.
" 125, .	4 Saturday . .	2 Saturday.
" 126, .	4 Tuesday . .	2 Tuesday.
" 127, .	2 Wednesday . .	4 Wednesday.
" 128, .	4 Friday . . .	2 Friday.
" 130, .	3 Wednesday . .	1 Wednesday.
" 131, .	2 Thursday . .	4 Thursday.
" Royal Arch Chapter, No. 51.		1 Saturday.
" Encampment		3 Saturday.

"Your committee taking into view the extent of the accom-"modations that will be thus afforded to the several lodges in "this City, and anticipating a well grounded hope of thereby "enabling this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge punctually to "perform, within the stipulated periods, their plighted faith to "the proprietors of the loan raised in aid of the said building, "are also of opinion that the following rents should be "assessed upon the said lodges until it shall be fully ascer-"tained that the said loans are fully paid off and the property "cleared of all its incumbrances, Viz:

"For the stated meetings of each lodge in the Grand lodge room . .	$70.	pr. annum.
"For the extra meetings of do. in the additional lodge room . .	30.	pr. an.
In all . .	$100.	pr. an.
"For the stated and other meetings of each Royal Arch chapter .	50.	pr. an.
"For the do. and do. of the encampment	30.	pr. an.

"Should any of the said subordinate lodges decline the oc-"cupancy of the additional Lodge room, your committee are "of opinion that such lodges, (on giving due notice thereof to "this right Worshipful Grand Lodge,) ought not to be con-"sidered as chargeable with the above additional rent of $30 "per annum.

"Your committee are also of opinion that a Grand tyler "should be appointed by this right Worshipful Grand lodge, "whose special duty shall be to have the care and superin- "tendence of the said building and furniture therein con- "tained, and nothing therein shall prevent his tyling for such "of the subordinate lodges as may from time to time think "proper to elect or appoint him to that office, but should any "of the said subordinate lodges elect or appoint another "brother as their tyler, (other than the Grand tyler aforesaid,) "such tyler thus appointed or elected on taking upon himself "the execution of the said Office, shall be considered as "amenable to the Grand tyler aforesaid, and answerable to "this Right Worshipful Grand lodge for any damage which "may occur either to the said building or furniture during "the meetings of such lodge or lodges, or in case of inability "on his part then and in that case, the said lodge for which he "so as aforesaid tyled, shall be chargeable in the books of the "Right Worshipful Grand Lodge for the same.

"That bearing in mind the meritorious services of our "worthy brother William Snyder, who for sobriety, fidelity "and attention to the Craft has not been equalled by any "brother who has heretofore had the honour of tyling for this "Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, your committee beg leave "with due respect to recommend him as the most suitable "person to fill the said Office of Grand tyler.

"Your Committee taking into View the Magnitude of the "property committed into the Care of the Grand and other "Tylers, and of the great necessity of doing all in their power "to preserve that due Order and Decorum necessary to be ob- "served by all the subordinate Lodges during their Hours of "Working and Refreshment, so that the Character which our "Order has at present so justly attained to in the Estimation "of our Fellow Citizens may not be impaired, take the Liberty "of offering the following Resolution for the Consideration of "the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, Viz:

"Resolved, That from and after the Adoption of this Reso- "lution, a rigid adherence to the working Hours as laid down "in the Book of Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge be

"duly enforced on the several Subordinate Lodges in this City, "and that the Hours of Refreshment shall, from the 20th Sep-"tember to the 25th March, be from Nine till Eleven o'clock, "P. M., and from the 25th March to the 25th September be from "Ten till Eleven o'clock, P. M.

"All of which your Committee respectfully submit.

(Sign'd) "WALTER KERR, "THOS. HENNESSY, "JAS. CUTBUSH, "THOS. AMIES, } Committee of Occupation, &c.

"Philada., Augt. 24, 1811."

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Bye Laws be requested to Report at the next quarterly Communication on the several Bye Laws committed to them.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2nd September, A. D. 1811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq., R. W. D. G. Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esq., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" George Richards, D. D., Grand Chaplain.
" Louis Houard, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Cutbush, Grand Marshall, P. T.
" John Nisbett, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

Bro^r. William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.
" Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 73, 77, 81, 84, 91, 93, 100, 102, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 117, 118, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130 and 131 represented.

Thirty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the different Communications held since were read.

The Committee of Arrangements respecting the Procession, &c., had on S^t. John's day last, made Report, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the "R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee of Arrangement respecting the Masonic "Procession, &c., had on S^t. John's Day last "Respectfully Report,

"That there were sold as follows:

"715 Tickets for the Procession	$3	$2145.
"182 Tickets for the Banquet	5	910.
		$3055.
"Deduct for 3 Counterfeit Notes received		16.
"Leaving the sum of		$3039.
"That there was paid to David Barnum for "the Dinner		738.75
"And that there remains a balance of		$2300.25

"in the Hands of Bro^r. Baker to be appropriated towards the "expences attending the Procession and furnishing the in-"terior of the New Hall.

"Respectfully submitted,

(Sign'd) "GEORGE A. BAKER.
"RICHARD TYBOUT.
"THOMAS ELLIOTT.
"SAMUEL F. BRADFORD.
"THOMAS ENTRIKIN.
"B. NEWCOMB, JUN^R.
"SAMUEL LIPPINCOTT, T."

"Philad^a., 2nd Sept^r., 1811.

Which Report was Unanimously approved of, and

On Motion made and Seconded, Unanimously Resolved, That the aforesaid balance of $2300.25 remaining in the Hands of Bro^r. Baker be paid over to the New Hall Committee, to be by them applied towards defraying the Expences which attended the late Procession and the furnishing the interior of the New Hall.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 2, held at Philadelphia, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom was referr'd the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 2,

"Respectfully beg leave to Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same, and find "them strictly conformable to the Constitution of our Ancient "Institution, and recommend them for the Approbation of the "R. W. Grand Lodge.

(Sign'd) "FREDERICK WOLBERT.
"ROBERT POALK.
"Septr. 2, 1811. "ROBERT PULLEN."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Columbia Lodge, N°. 91, held at Philadelphia, which was read, and is as follows, Viz:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom was referr'd the Bye Laws of Columbia Lodge, N°. 91,

"Respectfully beg leave to report,

"That they have carefully examined the same, and find "them correct according to our Ancient Constitution, do "therefore recommend them for the approbation of the R. W. "Grand Lodge. (Sign'd) "FREDERICK WOLBERT.
"ROBERT POALK.
"Septr. 2, 1811. "ROBERT PULLEN."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Amicitia Lodge, N°. 116, held at Elizabeth Town, Lancaster County, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom was referr'd the Bye Laws of "Amicitia Lodge, No. 116, held in Elizabeth Town,

"Respectfully beg leave to Report,

"That they have attentively examined the same, and sub-"mit to the Wisdom of the R. W. Grand Lodge the following "Alterations:

"1st. To strike out from the 7th Line in the 1st Article the words '*except business require longer Time.*' Also strike out from the 2nd and 3d lines in Article 5th the words which have the same meaning as those in Article 1st.

"2nd. To strike out the 3 last lines in the 5th Article from the words '*an Officer*' to the word '*Trial.*'

"3rd. To strike out from the 12th line in the 7th Article from the word '*immediately*' to the word '*on*' in the 13th line.

"4th. To insert after the words '*Two Dollars*' in the 11th Line of the 2nd page of Article 14th, '*unless he has served in the same Office before.*'

"5th. To insert after the words '*be made*' at the end of the 7th line of the 2nd page of Article 8th, '*Each Candidate must stand proposed One Month at least.*'

(Sign'd) "FREDERICK WOLBERT.
"ROBERT POALK.
"Sepr. 2nd, 1811." "ROBERT PULLEN."

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, the question was taken on each of the said proposed Alterations, and the whole of the Report adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Union Lodge, No. 121, held at Philadelphia, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom were referr'd the Bye Laws of "Union Lodge, No. 121, Respectfully beg leave to Report,

"That on strict examination of the same, are of opinion "they deserve the approbation of the R. W. Grand Lodge, "and recommend them accordingly.

(Sign'd) "FREDERICK WOLBERT.
"ROBERT PULLEN.
"Sepr. 2nd, 1811." "ROBERT POALK."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, held at Philadelphia, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom were referr'd the Bye Laws of "Rising Star Lodge, No. 126,

"Respectfully beg leave to Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same, and find "them calculated to support and maintain our Ancient Land "Marks, do therefore recommend them for the Approbation "of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

(Sign'd) "FREDERICK WOLBERT.
"ROBERT POALK.
"Sepr. 2nd, 1811." "ROBERT PULLEN."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Grand Secretary Reported that since the last Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations,		$210.
For Grand Lodge Certificates,		40.95
For Books of Ahiman Rezon,		1.33
On Account of subscriptions to the Additional Masonic Loan,		7700.
Of Lodge No. 83,	Dues	56.55
Of David Barnum,	Rent	250.
	Total	$8258.83

Which was Ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

A Petition was read from divers Ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at the Sign of the Olive Branch, on the Downingstown and Harrisburg Turnpike Road, in the County of Chester in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Name of "Brandywine Lodge," and that Bro. John Bern might be named W. Master; Anthony W. Vanleer, Senior Warden, and Bernard Vanleer, Junior Warden of the same, Which Petition being in due Form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 132.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to present a Communication addressed to him from a certain John Crow, Thomas Stockton, Evan Thomas, John Sellers and James Snow, stiling themselves a Committee from the G. L. of Delaware, requesting that a Committee be appointed to confer with them on the subject of the differences that exist between them and the R. W. Grand Lodge. Whereupon, the same being read, Bro^rs. Duplessis, Tybout, Bradford, Kerr and Darragh were appointed.

Brother Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master, presented a Letter to him from Doct^r. Samuel F. Conover, which was read, and is as follows, Viz:

"Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr.,

"Sir,

"From the exalted Opinion I entertain of the use-
"fulness of the *Masonic* Institution, I take the Liberty of
"tendering through you, to the Right Worshipful Grand
"Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the purposes of furthering their
"benevolent view, a Section of Land comprehending Seven
"Contiguous Lots, (40 by 150 Feet each,) N°s. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
"7, *Square XXVIII* in the *City of Germany*, situated in the
"County of Somerset, State of Pennsylvania, which from its
"flattering prospects will e'er long be a valuable acquisition
"to their present means. If this proposition should meet the
"approbation of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn-
"sylvania, I am ready to execute a conveyance, (to such per-
"sons in Trust,) for their benefit that may be nominated, as I
"understand they are not incorporated. With sentiments of
"Respectful Consideration, I remain

"Your very Hb^le. Servt.,

"Philad^a., Septr. 2nd, 1811." "SAM^L. F. CONOVER."

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be pre-

sented, through the Medium of Bro^r. Past Grand Master Jonathan B. Smith, to Doct^r. Conover for his said Present, and that the same be thankfully accepted, and that Bro^rs. Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., James Milnor, Esqr., Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., Richard Tybout, Joseph Burden, George A. Baker, Samuel F. Bradford, Walter Kerr and Thomas Elliott be the Trustees to receive the Title for the same for the Use and Benefit of this Grand Lodge.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 9, held at Philadelphia, was received and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro^r. Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant, in the room of the late Grand Pursuivant, Bro^r. John Phillips, Deceased, which Appointment met the Approbation of the Grand Lodge.

Bro^r. George A. Baker was added to the Committee on Bye Laws, so far as respects the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 125.

Returns of Lodge N°. 116, held at Elizabeth Town, were received as follows, Viz: Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. William Heller, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas Wilson, S. W.; Bro^r. John Alford, J. W.; Bro^r. George Wolfley, Secretary; Bro^r. William Youse, Treasurer. Return of Members containing the rejections of H—— S—— and J—— M——, jun^r. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. And a Communication, dated 2nd August, informing that a German or a French Roman Catholic Priest, late from Europe, and now stationed in Lancaster, is injuring the Craft greatly in their Neighbourhood, and praying the Grand Lodge to take their situation into Consideration. Whereupon, Bro^rs. James Cutbush, Thomas Bradford, jun^r., and William Allibone, jun^r., were appointed a Committee to examine and Report.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into Consideration and Report to the next Meeting a plan of Government for such parts of the New Hall as are reserved for Masonic purposes. Whereupon, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Bro^rs. Lippincott and Kerr were appointed.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to

meet on the 3rd Monday in the present Month at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th September, A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Dep^y. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Frederick Erringer, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" James Cutbush, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Samuel M. Sykes, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" Thomas Entriken, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.
" Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 77, 84, 91, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130 and 131 represented.

Twenty Eight Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee appointed to Report a plan of Government for such parts of the New Hall as are reserved for Masonic purposes made Report, which was read, and

On Motion made and Seconded, the same was again read by Paragraphs, and with some Amendments, adopted as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee appointed to take into Consideration a

"plan of Government for such parts of the New Hall as are "reserved for Masonic purposes beg leave to Report,

"That they have considered the subject of their Appoint- "ment with that Attention it so justly deserves. That they "are of Opinion that it is of the highest importance to the "Grand Lodge and the Brethren generally that the best care "possible should be taken of their New Hall, especially of "those parts reserved for Masonic purposes, and of the Val- "uable and Beautiful Jewells, Furniture, &c., therein con- "tained.

"Your Committe beg leave to submit the following Resolu- "tions which they conceive will Answer the end of their Ap- "pointment.

"Resolved, That a Grand Tyler be appointed to have the "charge of all the parts of the New Hall reserved for Masonic "purposes, to keep the whole clean and in the best Order, to "have the charge of all the Jewells, Furniture, &c., belonging "to the Grand Lodge, to cleanse and Light every Lodge Day, "all the Lamps and Candles, and make Fire when necessary "in all the Stoves, and that he shall attend to the putting out "of the Lights and Fires, and the Building Locked upon the "several Stated Meetings of the Subordinate Lodges.

"Resolved, That the said Grand Tyler shall receive the "Sum of Three Hundred Dollars Annually, in Four Equal "Quarterly payments, as a compensation for the above services, "independent of the Fees he now receives for his other Duties. "That he shall be Answerable for everything committed to "his care that shall happen to be damaged, broken or lost.

"Resolved, That the Tylers employed by the different "Lodges shall be accountable to the said Grand Tyler for "everything Damaged, broken or lost during the Time the "rooms shall have been under their Care, and that every "Lodge employing such Tyler shall be charged with the "amount of such Damage.

"Resolved, That it be recommended to all the Lodges to "unite as far as may be deemed Expedient to employ the same "Tyler or Tylers.

"Resolved, That Wax or Spermacæti Candles and the best

"Winter Strained Oil only shall be used in the Lodge Rooms, "and the expence thereof shall be apportioned amongst all the "Lodges and Chapters.

"That as soon as the Additional Lodge Room is com-"pleated, no Lodge shall be allowed to meet in the Grand "Lodge Room, but on the Day appropriated for their Stated "Meetings, and that any Lodge that may meet in the said "Additional Room on particular business or by Adjournment "on any Day not appropriated for their use, shall close their "Labours at least Half an Hour before the Time appointed "for the meeting of the Lodge who shall be entitled to meet "there on such Day.

"Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to be called "'The Hall Committee,' whose Duty shall be to see all the "aforegoing and all other Rules and Regulations now in force "concerning the Grand Tyler carried into compleat execution. "That the said Committee shall purchase the necessary Fire "Wood, Candles, Oil, &c., to examine and pass the Grand "Tyler's Bills and Sign them, that the R. W. Grand Master "may draw his Order on the Grand Treasurer for the same, "and shall generally do, concerning the Government of those "parts of the Hall reserved for Masonic purposes, all that Cir-"cumstances may render necessary.

"Resolved, That in Case of the Decease, resignation, refusal "Neglect or Misbehaviour of the Grand Tyler, the R. W. "Grand Master be requested to appoint another upon the "recommendation of the Hall Committee aforesaid.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Samuel Lippincott, T."

"Philad^a., Septr. 16th, 1811."

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Appoint Bro^rs. Samuel Lippincott, T., Thomas Entrikin and Frederick Erringer to be the Hall Committee.

A Petition from Lodge N°. 125, held in this City, was read, praying that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to alter their Stated Night of Meeting. Whereupon, the same was referr'd to Bro^rs. Walter Kerr, Thomas Hennessy, James Cutbush, William Wray and Thomas Amies to examine and Report thereon.

A Petition was read from a certain Hugh Anderson stating that he was a Member of Lodge N°. 115, and complaining that the Lodge refuse granting him a Certificate. On Consideration, Resolved, That he have leave to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition was read from a certain William Agilvie Frazer, at Somerset, Pennsylvania, complaining that the Lodge at that place, (N°. 84,) had refused to admit him as a Visitor. On Consideration, Resolved, That he have leave to withdraw his Petition.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England of 6th March last, containing the Names of their Grand Officers, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire of 26th August last, was read. It acknowledged the receipt of Our Invitation to them to join in the Ceremonies of Consecration and Dedication of the New Hall, and Apologized for their not having attended according to the said Invitation. The same was Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of 10th December last, containing a List of their Grand Officers, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island of 13th June last, was read, Thanking for the Invitation to them to attend at the Consecration of the New Hall, and Apologizing for their not having attended. Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New York of 8th June, was read. It communicated the Names of their Grand Officers. Congratulated this Grand Lodge on the completion of the New Hall, and Apologized for their not having it in their power to attend at the Consecration agreeably to the Invitation they received. Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

Two letters from the Grand Master and from the Deputy Grand Master of Kentucky, Dated the 30th May and 8th June,

Congratulating this Grand Lodge on the completion of the New Hall, and Apologizing for their not being able to attend at the Consecration, were read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee of the 1st December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It communicated the Names of their Grand Officers, also a List of their Lodges, 26 in Number.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were read.

Lodge No. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June, returning Bro. James Cutbush, W. M.; Bro. Edward W. Carr, S. W.; Bro. Edward Shelmerdine, J. W.; Bro. John Phillips, Secretary; Bro. Joseph Burden, Treasurer. Report of the rejection of M—— F——, a Petitioner for Initiation.

Lodge No. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June, returning Bro. Samuel M. Sykes, W. M.; Bro. Benjamin Morton, S. W.; Bro. Thomas De Silver, J. W.; Bro. Daniel Wythe, Secretary; Bro. John Maul, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June, returning Bro. Thomas Clyde, W. M.; Bro. Andrew Scott, S. W.; Bro. Robert McCarron, J. W.; Bro. John McArthur, Secretary; Bro. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June, returning Bro. Daniel Pearson, jun., W. M.; Bro. Nathan R. Potts, S. W.; Bro. Richard Bache, jun., J. W.; Bro. George C. Snyder, Secy.; Bro. Wm. T. Donnaldson, Trea.

Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return of December last, returning Bro. Jeremiah Mosher, W. M.; Bro. William Hamilton, S. W.; Bro. William Pitt Atlee, J. W.; Bro. Henry Antes, Secretary; Bro. Egbert Taylor, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro. Walter Kerr, W. M.; Bro. Joseph T. Clement, S. W.; Bro. Joseph S. Lewis, J. W.; Bro. Robert Milnor, Secretary; Bro. Peter Wager, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Joseph McMullin, W. M.; Bro^r. John Crockett, S. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Boon, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Passy, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Mercer, Treasurer. Return of Members to December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge No. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Hugh Gray, W. M.; Bro^r. James Pearl, S. W.; Bro^r. James Rabb, J. W.; Bro^r. William Sweeny, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas McClean, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsions of J—— B——, R—— S——, J—— C——, J—— D——, S—— S——, W—— M——, H—— B——, J—— M—— and J—— J——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Lambert Keatting, W. M.; Bro^r. James Comley, S. W.; Bro^r. Jonathan Johnson, J. W.; Bro^r. William Kneasa, Secretary; Bro^r. John Kinnan, Treasurer. A Communication of the restoration of the following Brethren who had been Expelled, Viz: B^r. W—— M——, Bro^r. J—— I——.

Lodge No. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. John Darragh, W. M.; Bro^r. William Bozorth, S. W.; Bro^r. Henry Bolton, J. W.; Bro^r. William Adams, Secretary; Bro^r. John Johnson, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Andrew Zeiss, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John A. Rohr, S. W.; Bro^r. John Stinger, J. W.; Bro^r. John Snyder, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Lewis Houard, W. M.; Bro^r. Lewis A. Auriol, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Chauveau, J. W.; Bro^r. John B. Orso, Secretary; Bro^r. Lewis E. Fort, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 83, held at Damascus, Wayne County. Election Return of June, 1807, returning Bro^r. Israel Mannington, W. M.; Bro^r. James Seely, S. W.; Bro^r. Reuben Skinner, J. W.; Bro^r. Freeman Allen, Secretary; Bro^r. Daniel Skinner, Treasurer. Returns of Members to December last, contain-

ing the rejection of N—— E——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to the same Time.

Lodge N°. 84, held at Somerset, Pennsylvania. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. James Clark, W. M.; Bro^r. John Mong, S. W.; Bro^r. Alexander Linn, J. W.; Bro^r. James M. Riddle, Secretary; Bro^r. Elisha Colver, Treasurer. Return of Members to June. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge No. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. George E. Blake, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Samuel Badger, S. W.; Bro^r. George W. Bartram, J. W.; Bro^r. William Strickland, Secretary; Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Treasurer. A Communication informing of the Expulsion of N—— P. H——, and of the Rejections of Bro^r. I—— P. W——, who Petitioned for Membership, and of M—— D——, who Petitioned to be Initiated.

Lodge N°. 102, held at Frankford. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to Decem^r. last.

Lodge N°. 104, held at Leacock, Lancaster County. Election Return, returning (of June last) Bro^r. Thomas Crawford, W. M.; Bro^r. Nathaniel F. Lightner, S. W.; Bro^r. Dennis M^c-Makin, J. W.; Bro^r. Nathaniel Watson, Secretary; Bro^r. Joel Lightner, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming C°. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. William Hepburn, W. M.; Bro^r. James Stewart, S. W.; Bro^r. James McClintock, J. W.; Bro^r. W. Brindle, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph J. Wallis, Treasurer. Return of Members to the same Time, containing the Rejections of W—— T——, J—— M——, T—— M^cC——. Accounts of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N°. 112, held at New Orleans. Return of Members to December last.

Lodge N°. 114, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the rejection of I—— W——, Bricklayer, who Petitioned to be Initiated.

Lodge N°. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. William Allibone, jun^r., W. M.; Bro^r. Joshua Sullivan, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel H. Jacobs, J.

W.; Bro^r. John Tolbert, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Jackson, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 117, held at New Orleans. A Commission duly Executed, Appointing Bro^r. Peter Thouron, Proxy of said Lodge. Whereupon, Bro^r. Thouron was recognized as such.

Lodge N°. 120, held in the Town of Tioga. A Return to the Dispensation for Constituting the said Lodge was read. Whereby it Appears that the said Lodge N°. 120, was duly Constituted on the 24th Day of June last.

Lodge N°. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Thomas Bradford, jun^r., W. M.; Bro^r. Benjamin Jones, jun^r., S. W.; Bro^r. Benjamin B. Howell, J. W.; Bro^r. William M. Read, Secretary; Bro^r. William I. Baker, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 123, held in the Borough of York. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. John Leaverty, W. M.; Bro^r. Jacob Kline, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas McGrath, J. W.; Bro^r. George Caruthers, Secretary; Bro^r. Andrew Johnson, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time. A Copy of their Bye Laws, which were referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

A Letter from said Lodge and also a Petition from Bro^r. Robert McElwee, a Past Master of Lodge N°. 43, held at Lancaster, were read stating, That previous to making application for the Warrant for said Lodge, N°. 123, the Money for paying for the same had been placed in the Hands of Bro^r. McElwee, who forwarded on the Petition and who was to pay the expenses when the Warrant should be obtained. That Bro^r. McElwee had been afterward deceived by a Spaniard calling himself Charles Morino, who received the Warrant, Dispensation and other papers from Bro^r. Hennessy, the Deputy Grand Secretary, delivered them to Bro^r. McElwee and informed Bro^r. McElwee that he had paid for them, and that Bro^r. McElwee thereupon paid the Amount to said Morino, who had since proved to be an Artful Swindler, had gone off and had not paid the Money to the Grand Lodge. Therefore, as well the said Lodge N°. 123, as the said Bro^r.

McElwee, praying to be exonerated from the payment of the said Money. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, The same were referr'd to Bro^rs. George A. Baker, Samuel F. Bradford and Joseph Barnes, to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, W. M.; Bro^r. Maurice Wurts, S. W.; Bro^r. Michael Nisbet, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas I. Matthews, Secretary; Bro^r. William Worrell, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge No. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. David Cook, W. M.; Bro^r. James Hamill, S. W.; Bro^r. John Hamill, J. W.; Bro^r. James Thompson, Secretary; Bro^r. James Ferrier, Treasurer.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to meet on the Third Monday in the next Month at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st October, A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Kittera, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Doct^r. John Andrews. Grand Chaplain.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 84, 91, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 127, 128, 130 and 131 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee appointed on the 16th September last, on the Petition of Lodge No. 125, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee of Occupancy of the New Hall to whom "the Petition of Lodge No. 125 was referred,

"Respectfully Report,

"That having taken the Circumstances of their Case into "Consideration, We are of Opinion, that the prayer of their "said Petition ought to be granted, and that, therefore, the "Report of Our Committee of the 24th August, 1811, be "altered by inserting that the Stated Meetings of Lodge No. "125, be held on the 4th Friday in the Grand Lodge Room "and the 2nd Friday in the Extra Lodge Room, and that the "Stated Nights of Meeting of Lodge No. 128, be held on the "4th Saturday in the G. Lodge Room and on the 2nd Saturday "in the Extra Lodge Room.

"Philada., 21st Octr., 1811.

"Respectfully submitted by

(Sign'd) "WALTER KERR,
"THOS. HENNESSY,
"JAS. CUTBUSH,
"WILLIAM WRAY,
"THOS. AMIES,
} Committee of Occupancy of Grand Lodge of Penna.

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 2nd September last, on the Communication from Lodge No. 116, respecting the Slanders of a certain Priest, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"The Committee to whom was referred the *Grievances* of "Lodge No. 116, held East of Elizabeth Town, Respectfully "Report, That they have taken the Subject into Considera-"tion, and are of Opinion that this R. W. Grand Lodge can "take no measures by which the said Lodge might obtain re-

"dress; but recommend, that the Grand Secretary be directed "to forward to the Lodge a Number of the printed Orations, "delivered on St. John's Day last, by the R. W. Grand "Master, in Order that they might be distributed in the "Neighborhood.

"The Committee are also of Opinion, that this Grand Lodge "do recommend to the Brethren of Lodge No. 116, that they "persevere in the performance of Masonic Duties, by their "regular Deportment in Society, convince their Fellow Citi-"zens that the principles of Our Order are in consonance with "the best Interest of Society.

(Sign'd) "Jas. Cutbush,
"Thomas Bradford, junr."

Which Report was Adopted.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of the 6th June last, was read and Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, of 24th June last, was read and Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received from Lodge No. 3, informing of their having accepted of the Evenings allotted to them by the Grand Lodge, in the Grand Lodge Room and in the Extra Room.

A Communication was received from Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster, informing of their having Re-instated Bro^r. Charles C. Cole, who was Expelled in 1809.

The Election Return of Lodge No. 102, held at Frankford, of June last was read, returning Bro^r. Edward Gilfillan, W. M.; Bro^r. Levi Love, S. W.; Bro^r. Henry Comly, J. W.; Bro^r. George C. Troutman, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Worrell, Treasurer.

A Communication from Lodge No. 128, of the 11th September, was read, informing of their having accepted of the Evenings, (the Second and Fourth Friday,) allotted to them by the Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge Room and in the Extra Room.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 128 was received and

referred to the Committee on the Bye Laws, to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from Lodge N°. 130 was read, informing of their having accepted of the Evenings allotted to them by the Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge Room and in the Extra Room.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 130 were receiv'd and referr'd to the Committee on the Bye Laws, to examine and Report thereon.

Bro^r. Baker requested to be excused from serving on the Committee appointed on the 16th Ultimo, on a Letter from Lodge N°. 123, and a Petition from Bro^r. Robert McElwee respecting the Cost of the Warrant, &c., of said Lodge. Whereupon, Bro^r. Baker was Excused, and Bro^r. George E. Blake was appointed in his room.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Address the Grand Lodge as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and
"Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"R. W. and W. Brethren,

"A Combination of Circumstances has induced me this year "to anticipate the intended period of Visitation to the differ- "ent Subordinate Lodges held in this City, now Twenty One "in Number.

"The Month of September having been fixed as the Time "for entering upon the Occupation of Our splendid and com- "modious Apartments in the New Hall, this event was gen- "erally looked forward to by the Craft as a New æra in the "History of Our Order in this State. Whatever tended to "diminish the Dignity or usefulness of our Institution was "now to be rejected. Whatever seemed calculated to Adorn "and recommend it, and to enhance its benefits and gratifica- "tions, was to be adopted and Cherished. These ennobling "sentiments which since the solemnities of the Anniversary "of our Holy patron S^t. John, on the 24th of June last, ap- "peared to animate all the brethren; I felt all the obligations "of duty, and the incentives of personal inclination to foster "and encourage. The first occasion of the meeting of each

"Lodge in the New Hall, offered an interesting opportunity "for keeping alive the sensibilities of the brethren to the im- "portance of their future operations in that sacred edifice, and "for producing abiding impressions of the necessity of the "most circumspect course of demeanour in the conduct and "management of their respective lodges. To the performance "of this arduous duty, I was also urged by the consideration "of my approaching absence from the City, which in all prob- "ability might be protracted until the ensuing spring, and "would consequently entirely prevent my attention to it dur- "ing my term of office if it were delayed. The ceremonies of "the visitation were rendered as solemn and impressive as "possible, both as to matter and manner, and derived not a "little of their effect from the obliging attendance of brother "Richards, one of the reverend chaplains of the Grand Lodge, "who except when prevented by indisposition, officiated in "the devotional exercises of the Grand Officers in each lodge, "and when time permitted lectured upon some of the degrees "of our order. To the other Grand Officers I am sincerely "and affectionately indebted for their patient and persevering "assistance in my labours, and while I thank them all, I am "convinced their united sentiment concurs with mine, while I "bestow the meed of praise in a more especial manner on the "critical and laborious enquiries into, and lucid and accurate "animadversions upon, the recorded transactions of each lodge "for the past year presented to me by the Grand Secretary. "The reports of that meritorious Officer now alluded to as "well as the annual circular charge are submitted to the "Grand Lodge.

"I have also the pleasure of stating that the French Lodge "L'Amenite, N°. 73, with their characteristic Zeal for the "order, have at a considerable expence lately fitted up in a "stile of much elegance a New Lodge room, with other con- "venient apartments for their own accommodation. At their "respectful invitation I assisted with my Officers at its conse- "cration on the 31st August last. As the period fixed for that "ceremony but shortly preceded the commencement of the "general tour of visitation, it was deemed expedient to em-

"brace the opportunity thus afforded to make them the "customary annual communications, in the course of which "an address was delivered to them adapted to the interesting "business in which they were engaged, a copy of which, (hold-"ing myself at all times accountable to the Grand Lodge for "the propriety of my official injunctions,) I have conceived it "my duty to lay before you.

"Amidst the many topics of felicitation presented by my "recent review of the craft in this City, it is with renewed "concern that I am obliged to notice the lamentable contrast "to the lodges lately visited, which some of those at a greater "distance exhibit. The address transmitted to them some "time ago under your authority has, however, awakened the "attention of several of the country lodges, and a respectable "addition has been made to the number of those that have "been heretofore zealous in the work of the Craft. A Com-"mittee was appointed several years since to examine and re-"port the state of all the subordinate lodges under this Juris-"diction beyond the precincts of the City. They made a "detailed report which was referred to another committee, "whose duty as I understood it, was to consider what ulterior "measures should be pursued. The last mentioned commit-"tee have never reported, and as the situation of the Country "lodges has in many instances been since materially altered, "and the number considerably increased, it would appear to "me to be advisable to revive the subject in some new shape, "so as to effect the two important objects, first, of ascertain-"ing as far as possible the present state of each lodge, and "Secondly, of adopting such a course of procedure towards "them as may advance their prosperity and maintain the "rights and interests of the Grand Lodge.

"I would also earnestly recommend it to you to consider as "soon as possible, whether it would not be expedient to nomi-"nate some respectable brethren to act as district deputy "Grand Masters or inspectors over allotted portions of our "Masonic Jurisdiction. This plan, though new to us, has "long prevailed in the Eastern States and has redounded "greatly to the spread of masonry, and the good order and

"discipline of lodges placed by their local situation beyond "the immediate observation of the parent Grand Lodge.

"I am persuaded, brethren, that it will afford you pleasure "to learn that no less than 297 persons have been admitted to "the privileges of our society within this City since the Grand "Visitation of last year, and I am happy to enhance your sat-"isfaction by the assurance that I have every reason to "believe from the information of others, and my own obser-"vation, that the addition to our members thus announced is "generally of such, as promise to give increased spirit and re-"spectability to this important section of the craft.

"It would be an injustice to the City lodges if I were not to "observe that a marked improvement has taken place in most "of them in the various particulars to which at our former "visitations their attention has been directed, and also not to "notice the warmth of affection with which the Grand Officers "were every where receiv'd in their progress. It forms at "once a pledge of the obedience and respect of these lodges "towards your August body, and of their confirmed and "animated Zeal for the interests of Masonry.

"The circumstance now referred to is one of the many "causes of congratulation which crowd upon our feelings. "The completion of our superb edifice, the success of the "efforts made to meet the heavy expence of its erection, the "pleasing prospect of a rapid accumulation of the Sinking "fund, the unprecedented increase of the number of respect-"able lodges, the union of so many worthy characters to the "fraternity, the solemnity, order and beauty of our lodges, the "disposition for an uninterrupted maintenance of harmony "and brotherly love, and the favourable sentiments, with a "few despicable exceptions, entertained towards us by the "community at large, are calculated to inspire our hearts with "gratitude to the sovereign Dispenser of all our mercies, and "while they demand the most fervent acknowledgements of "all the Brethren, should incite them to the most earnest en-"deavours to merit by their Actions the perpetuation of the "signal favours they have received.

"Having finished this brief notice of my late Official pro-

"ceedings, I now beg permission to take an Affectionate leave "of the Body over which it has been my Honour and Happi- "ness to preside for the last Six Years. While I reluctantly "part for a Time from Associations and Duties which from "inclination and habit have become congenial to all the feel- "ings of my Mind, it is with inexpressible delight that I find "myself enabled to leave the Affairs of the Grand Lodge in a "state of unexampled prosperity, and to entertain the per- "suasion that under the favour of Providence no danger will "approach it whilst superintended by my Respected Associ- "ates, or when its preservation shall be devolved on those "whom your Wisdom may select as the future directors of its "concerns.

"Under whatever Auspices they shall be hereafter con- "ducted, may your Labours conduce to the promotion of Re- "ligion and Morality, Benevolence and Charity, Harmony "and Fraternal Affection, and may the blessed effects of these "varied attainments be the Joy of every Honest Craftsman in "the Days of his prosperity, and the solace and comfort of his "Heart, should he ever unhappily be Assailed by the Horrors "of Poverty and Affliction."

Charge delivered by James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master to Lodge L'Amenite, N°. 73, held at Philadelphia on the Consecration of their New Hall on the 31st August, A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.

"W. Master, Officers and Brethren,

"What pleasure so gratifying as to Witness the prosperity "of Our Friends? What exultation so delightful as that "which the Heart feels at the success of a beloved Brother "who has succeeded in the accomplishment of long wished for "meritorious designs? What Rapture so extatic as that "which inspires Two ingenuous Breasts thus nearly con- "nected, when each can communicate to the other his attain- "ment of the object of his Wishes? Such is our Happiness "this Day.

"The Whole Family of Masons is an allied Band of Broth- "ers. Yet the Cords by which they are united are drawn "closer when congenial views and right dispositions guide "and actuate its various Members.

"With consentaneous feelings of attachment can we, on this "occasion Hail the Brethren of L'Amenite, our Coadjutors, in "the great work of giving permanent Character and Respect-"ability to our Noble Order. The Genius of Masonry whether "she sojourn with the Descendants of Penn or her Zealous "Votaries from Transatlantic Shores, may now in either case "enter a Mansion deserving of her Honoured presence. Here "will she find her Sons engaged in paying Homage to her "High Behests, with a Devotion suited to her pre-eminent "claims upon them, and in a state of Magnificence and Beauty "worthy of the Sublime Order to which they stand attached. "What more has Masonry to demand? That the solemn pur-"poses to which our Temples have been consecrated should be "stamped in indelible Characters upon the Mind of every "faithful Brother. Have we Dedicated the Houses of our As-"semblage to the Grand Architect of the Universe? Then "let every Heart glow with the warmest emotions of Grati-"tude to the sovereign Creator, Preserver and Benefactor of "Mankind. As Masons let us Contemplate with Admiration "the consumate *Wisdom* of his unfathomable Counsels, the "Amazing *Strength* of his Creative Omnipotence, and the "unparalled *Beauty* of his plans of providential Government. "Let that striking emblem of our Order, the All-seeing Eye, "forever remind us of the omnipresence of our Supreme Grand "Master, who is with us in all our Labours and will prosper "or destroy them as they comport with or violate the com-"mandments of his irreversible Laws. Have we Dedicated "these Holy Habitations to Virtue and Science? Oh, let us "forever see them embrace each other within these Hallowed "Walls. Banished from these precincts be the Austerity of "Fanaticism, the illiberality of Superstition, sometimes As-"suming the Garb of Heaven-descended Virtue.

"Let the culture of intellect under the Auspices of an En-"lightened and liberal Morality form the sweet employment "of Our Meetings. Let the delights of social Converse result "in the expansion of Our Minds, and let Masonry have the "boast of rendering our energies more serviceable to Society "and to ourselves. Have we consecrated these Dwellings to

"*Universal Charity and Benevolence?* Let us then never forget "a suffering Brother pining under the Miseries of poverty and "the World's neglect. Let not 'the sounding Brass and the "Tinkling Cymbal' of high-wrought epithets and Vain de- "clamation mislead us into the Error of mistaking the profes- "sion of Charity for the Work itself.

"In the midst of the Luxurious enjoyments of Our festive "Banquets, let our Ears be ever open to the intimation of a "Brother's wants, and in the Brilliant display we are making "of the externals of our Art, let it be recollected that the "Honour is lost, and we stand convicted of a wilful breach of "Trust, if the Fund of Charity be not held inviolably sacred.

"Nor does the Charity to which our Duty binds us extend "merely to a cold bestowment of a despicable pecuniary pit- "tance. Ah! No. The soothing Language of Friendly "Commiseration must pour the *Oil* of Joy into the woe-worn "Heart, while the *Corn* of Nourishment ministers to his "Bodily wants. The Fever of Mental Agitation must be "allayed, the Palsy of depressed Moral energies must be re- "covered, the Sickness of the Heart must receive the reviv- "ing Cordial of a Brother's Sympathy and Affection. A "Brother's Sympathy? Are the Charities of Masons con- "fined within the pale of their own Association? Illiberality "itself will not dare to make the charge. The proudest boast "of our Noble institution is the broad and unlimited Sphere "of practical Benevolence which its principles enjoin.

"The Terrestial Globe furnishes alone the Height and the "Depth, the Length and the Breadth of the Masonic Benefi- "cence. He is a Traitor to his plighted Vows who, received "amongst us, becomes the Minister of cruelty and Oppression, "or who with ability to relieve, looks with a calm indifference "on the Bleeding Wounds of his Fellow Mortal.

"Have we yet reached the full scope of the interesting "Ceremony in which we have been engaged? This Sacred "Temple stands dedicated to Masonry. In this our Electrify- "ing Name are included, not only the great Duties I have "mentioned, but the whole Train of Moral Virtues, and as "far as each of us is wanting in attention to all those excel-

"lencies and Endowments, which Constitute the perfection of "Human Nature, he is wanting in the Character of a true "Mason.

"This reflection, however, is for each one's personal use in "the formation of his own character and the Government of "his own Conduct. It is beneath the Dignity of a genuine "Mason to Criticise with sedulity his Brothers' frailties. The "Plumb and the Level and the Square are implements to be "used in the construction of the Edifice of his own reputation, "and he becomes a Busy Body and an Idler when he indulges "himself in applying them to discover the Errors and the "Faults of his Neighbour. This does not apply to the Mild "and Candid and Judicious superintendance exercised by the "Lodge over the demeanour of its own Members, for in this "consists One of the great Advantages of our institution. In "the Hands of able and Correct functionaries it will never "degenerate into a System of Inquisitorial Tyranny or "Malignant Curiosity. Privacy, Moderation, Affection and "Liberality will mark every interference, and even the offend-"ing Brother will gratefully applaud the Hand that has "snatched him from the precipice over which rashness and in-"discretion were about to plunge him. From this Brief re-"view of the instruction to be derived from the sublime "solemnities of this Evening, you will perceive how it has an-"ticipated that which may be expected from the Annual Visi-"tations of the Messengers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-"vania. This last Ceremony has for its Object an union of "the pleasant and the profitable.

"It is delightful to us, and we believe reciprocally so to our "Lodges, to interchange with them these Annual salutations "of Fraternal kindness and regard, to see again and again "those Countenances by whose presence we have been so often "cheered, to witness the continued progression of Virtuous "Zeal and enterprise in the Conduct of the labours of the "Craft, to award the meed of praise to meritorious exertion, "and to carry back to the Fountain of Masonic Authority a "gratifying Report of the purity of its respective streams, and "of the Fertility and Beauty which they have produced "throughout the variegated Fields of Masonry.

"It is profitable to our Lodges because a knowledge of the "superintending care and never ceasing attention of their "parent Grand Lodge on well informed and well intentioned "brethren will produce a spirit of commendable emulation to "reach the goal of masonic perfection. Appreciating the "motives and purposes of these stated visitations, they are in-"duced to regulate their interesting transactions so as to meet "the approbation of their expected visitants. Convinced that "order and regularity, connected with an adherence to ancient "land marks, are as necessary for the prosperity and reputa-"tion of the lodge and happiness of its members as they are "indispensable requisitions of the Grand Lodge, they will be "the guide of all their proceedings.

"Experience has set her Seal to the validity of these sug-"gestions."

"Brethren of L'Amenite:

"In the Body of this respectable lodge we have heretofore "unreservedly reminded you of your masonic duties, and you "have carried into effect the Assurances of conformity made "by your venerable chiefs. We are not about to repeat ad-"monitions rendered familiar by the reiterated ceremonials of "your meetings, and by the preceptive lessons taught by the "worthy Brother to whom you have confided the superin-"tendance of your concerns.

"We would rather encourage you in your progress along "the path of duty by commending with sincere satisfaction "this laudable spirit of masonic enterprises which has con-"ducted you this day into these splendid apartments.

"This event is a pledge of the brilliant irradiations you are "henceforth to spread around the craft like the bright Star "whose splendid coruscations adorn the East of your Lodge. "L'Amenite will diffuse a light whose lustre shall unfold to "view all the beauties of masonic mystery, all the treasures of "masonic instruction."

"On the eve of the accomplishment of a great work similar "in its design, but requiring more extensive means than "yours, we can feelingly associate with you in the joy excited "by the fulfilment of your desires."

"Accept of our prayers for the perpetuation of the blessings "of which you now partake.

"May harmony and uninterrupted amenity be ever here "predominant. May your vestibule never be approached by "the demon of discord; may his emissaries ever be excluded "from the portals of this Holy Temple, and when the Halcyon "days of masonic gratulation shall receive their termination "by the irresistable fiat of Omnipotence, may your transi-"tion only be from the pleasures of our earthly lodge to one "eternal in the Heavens."

Annual Circular Charge. See page 122.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the said Address of the R. W. Grand Master, as also the said Charge delivered by him to Lodge L'Amenite, No. 73, and the said Annual Circular Charge be Printed.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the R. W. D. G. M., the R. W. S. G. W. and the R. W. J. G. W. be a Committee to present our R. W. and well beloved Grand Master, James Milnor, Esquire, with a Respectful and Affectionate Address expressive of the High Sense the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania entertains of the meritorious and unremitted services he has rendered to the Ancient Craft, of their fervent gratitude and of their sincere Wishes for the preservation of his Health and Happiness during his absence, and for his propitious return amongst them from the performance of the Civil Duties which his Fellow Citizens have thought proper to impose on him.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That so much of the Address delivered this Evening by the R. W. Grand Master as relates to the Appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Committee of Correspondence, and that the said Committee be requested to Report on the same, as well as on all the other Business now before them, at the next Grand Quarterly Communication.

A Letter was received and read from Thomas S. Manning, accompanying the First Volume of the Free Mason's Maga-

zine, requesting the Grand Lodge to accept of the same for their Archives.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 8 o'clock, P. M., to meet on the First Monday in November next, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th November, A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Samuel Lippincott, T., Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" James Cutbush, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" John Paul Schott, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 45, 51, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 91, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 121, 125, 126, 128 and 131 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The New Hall Committee made Report, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
"vania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The New Hall Committee beg leave to state,

"That the Time for which the Lower Hall and other Rooms "had been leased to Bro^r. Barnum did expire on the First Day "of October last. That Bro^r. Barnum has declared to your "Committee that he could not take the Premisses for any "longer Term, and that his present Circumstances rendered it "impossible for him to pay in Cash Two Hundred and Fifty "Dollars he owes for Balance of Rent, but proposes to pay it "in such Articles of Furniture as the Committee may think "proper, allowing a Deduction of Twenty Five per Cent from "the First Cost.

"Your Committee are sensible that the Lamps, some Look-"ing Glasses and several other articles, are necessary for the "furnishing of the Hall and Rooms, and they have already "contracted for Curtains, as they have found that all the Per-"sons who have applied for the said Hall and Rooms have "objected against their furnishing the Hall themselves, and "mentioned they would rather pay a higher Rent if it were "furnished.

"Your Committee are of Opinion that a suitable Person "should be employed to take care of the Hall and Rooms, and "to give constant attendance under the direction of such Com-"mittee as the R. W. G. Lodge may think proper to appoint "for the purpose.

"All which is respectfully submitted,

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"George A. Baker.
"Rich^D. Tybout.
"Rob^T. McCullagh.
"Thomas Passmore."

"Philad^a., Novr. 4th, 1811."

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the New Hall Committee be Authorized to appoint a person to take charge of that part of the Building as mentioned in the said Statement or Report, and that they be instructed to purchase such Articles as they may think proper and necessary for the furnishing of the Lower Rooms of this Building.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee heretofore styled "The New Hall Committee" be hereafter styled "The New Hall Building Committee."

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge No. 51, held at Philadelphia. Return of members up to December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 64, held at Greensburgh. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Samuel Guthrie, Esqr., W. M.; Bro^r. Samuel Rose, jun^r., Senior Warden; Bro^r. M. P. Cassilly, Junior Warden; Bro^r. Robert Williams, Esqr., Secretary; Bro^r. John Stewart, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 100, held at Catawissa. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Isaiah Willits, W. M.; Bro^r. Jacob Kline, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Heatherline, J. W.; Bro^r. Hezekiah Boone, Secretary; Bro^r. Philip Moyer, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 123, held at York Town, Pennsylvania. A Commission, duly Executed, appointing Bro^r. Frederick Wolbert, Esqr., their Proxy to represent them in this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, Bro^r. Wolbert was duly recognized as such.

A Petition from Lodge No. 128, held at Philadelphia, was read, stating it as a grievance the having of their Stated and Extra Meetings changed from the Fourth and Second Friday, to the Fourth and Second Saturday in every Month, and praying other Evenings may be appointed for them. Which Petition was referr'd to Bro^rs. Walter Kerr, Thomas Hennessy, James Cutbush, William Wray and Thomas Amies to Examine and Report thereon.

The Committee Appointed at the last Meeting to present an Address to the R. W. Grand Master made Report, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic
"Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee appointed at the last Grand Communica-
"tion to present an Affectionate and respectful Address to our
"R. W. Grand Master, James Milnor, Esquire, beg leave to
"Report,

"That in complyance with their appointment, they did "wait on the R. W. Grand Master and present him with an "Address, a Duplicate whereof is hereunto annexed, to which "the R. W. G. Master was pleased to return the Answer also "hereunto annexed.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis, D. G. M.
"Rich^D. Tybout, S. G. W.
"Joseph Burden, J. G. W."

"Philad^a., Novr. 4th, 1811."

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said Address and Answer be entered on the Minutes and Printed.

Address.

"To the R. W. James Milnor, Esquire, Grand Master of the "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction "thereunto belonging.

"Right Worshipful and well-beloved G. Master.

"With peculiar satisfaction, with pride we find ourselves "called upon by the R. W. the G. L. of Pennsylvania to be "the Organs of Announcing to you their sentiments of Fra-"ternal Affection, Respect and Fervent Gratitude, and of ex-"pressing the High sense they entertain of the Meritorious "services you have rendered to the Ancient Craft, and their "wishes for the preservation of your Health and Happiness "during your absence, and for your propitious return amongst "them from the performance of the Civil Duties which your "Fellow Citizens have thought proper to impose on you.

"For your frequent and instructive Addresses to the Breth-"ren, for your influence, for your unremitted personal exer-"tions in every Thing that concerns the Craft, and particularly "in the commencement and completion of our Hall, so per-"fectly commodious to the Brethren, and considered as One "of the First Architectural Ornaments of the Country, the "Grand Lodge Acknowledge themselves forever indebted. "The rapid Improvement of the Lodges and the respectability "in which Masonry is held, are the offspring of your labor-"ious efforts in the High station which has called them forth "into Action.

"It gives us pleasure to believe that you are convinced, that "in thus complying with the Commands of the R. W. Grand "Lodge, we have the high gratification of indulging our own "feelings. We are

"R. W. Grand Master,

"As well for ourselves as

"By Order and in behalf of the Grand

"Lodge of Pennsylvania,

"Your affectionate

and

"Faithful Brethren,

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis, D. G. M.

"Rich^D. Tybout, S. G. W.

"Joseph Burden, J. G. W."

"Philad^a., 25 Oct^r., 1811."

Answer to the foregoing Address.

"Right Worshipful and

"Respectful Brethren,

"I am deeply affected by this Affectionate Evidence "of the Esteem and Regard of the R. W. Grand Lodge. "They appreciate too highly the feeble exertions I have made "for the Advancement of the Interests of Masonry, and the "prosperity of that portion of the Craft over which I have the "Honour to preside. To merit their approbation has been "my ambition; to have succeeded in obtaining it is my best "reward. Whether my future station in the institution be a "public or a private one, every incentive that can operate on "an Honourable mind will urge me to preserve by my future "services the favourable Opinion which my beloved Brethren "are pleased to entertain towards me.

"To you R. W. Brethren, I return my sincere Acknowledge-"ments for the Aid you have uniformly afforded me in my "Official Duties, and for the kind manner in which you have "in this instance executed the commands of the Grand Lodge.

(Sign'd) "James Milnor,

"Grand Master."

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 8 o'clock, P. M.

George A. Baker,

Grand Secretary.

Circular Charge
delivered by
James Milnor, Esquire, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, &c., To the Subordinate Lodges held in the City of Philadelphia, at the Grand Visitations made to the said Lodges in the Month of September, A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.

"Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren,

"It is not an unwarrantable boast of Antient Masonry, that "its Foundations are laid upon a Rock, and its superstructure "composed of such indestructible materials as to defy the in-"effectual force of the Winds and the Waves, by whose Fury "it is sometimes opposed. Although it may seem to Totter "in the Tempest, and its Beauty be for an Instant hid from "the Light of Heaven by overwhelming Billows, it is but to "emerge with fresh Glory and smile at the Convulsions of the "Elements, whose Violence has been idly wasted against it. "Clouds and Darkness it is true have more than once hovered "over our aspiring Edifice, for many a gloomy Day threaten-"ing to remove its Pillars, and Dash its proud Turrets into "Atoms, but it will not be. The Grand Architect under "whose auspices it has arisen, and by whose power and good-"ness it has been preserved will, we Trust, continue his pro-"tection until in the sovereign dispensation of the Providence "Destruction is awarded upon all the works of Man.

"Some who now hear me can Attest the seeming Dangers "of the Days of despondence that are past, and join me in the "joyous Anticipation of the prosperity that we hope for in "those which are to come. We look back to the Dark Hours "of adverse Fortune, not to repine at unavoidable occurrences, "but by Contrast to heighten the enjoyment we now possess. "Vicissitudes await all Human establishments. The strength "and permanency of Ours has been proved by the alarming "Trials it has undergone, and by the encreased firmness as "well as splendour which it now exhibits.

"We meet you, my Brethren, at this Auspicious period to "mingle congratulations on the consummation of the wishes "of the Craft. The stupendous undertaking which alarmed "the Timid and made the prudent hesitate is accomplished.

"Animated by a determination to raise our Honourable in-
"stitution to the Dignity and Estimation which it has a right
"to claim, no Difficulties have Appalled the Conductors of
"this great Work. Their complete success is calculated to
"give Assurance in every future attempt at the external em-
"bellishment of Our Order, as that of the superintendents of
"its internal Affairs is to excite fresh expectations of increased
"attainments in the moral Harmony and Beauty of all its
"proceedings.

"The most anxious Aim of all our Official Labours has
"been to elevate the Minds of our Brethren to a right appre-
"hension of the sublimity and grandeur of the institution, to
"stimulate them to a corresponding Course of Personal De-
"meanour in the Conduct of its concerns, to banish all low
"and grovelling Ideas of the meaner purposes to which ignor-
"ance and folly have sometimes debased it, and to recommend
"its important benefits to the acceptance of the wise and the
"good. The Temple of our Assemblage in which we now
"Associate has been solemnly Consecrated to Almighty God,
"to Masonry, to Virtue and Science, to Universal Charity and
"Benevolence. Do you mark the extent of the interesting
"Ceremony which met you at your first entrance into these
"Magnificent Apartments? Charity in the practical Opera-
"tions of our Society is the grand employment of its Mem-
"bers, from which the most extensive advantages to others,
"and the most consoling satisfaction to themselves, are de-
"rived. But the Homage paid to this resplendent emanation
"of Deity, forms but One of the many wide extended Duties
"which your Obligations as Masons involve. Whilst all the
"Virtues following in the bright Train of their amiable leader
"invite your attention, you have also engaged yourselves as
"votaries to the interests of science.

"The cultivation of intellect, and the amelioration of the
"Affections of the Heart are equally the Objects of Masonic
"Attachment. This is in direct consonance with the Original
"design of this Association, which had for its objects from the
"outset, the extension of Human knowledge through the
"medium of an Union cemented by the Bonds of personal

"Affection, and perpetuated by ceremonials of the most in-
"teresting kind. It were in Vain to conceal the occasional
"departure of many branches of the Masonic Family from the
"pretensions of their Venerable Ancestry. The prodigality
"with which their Inheritance has been squandered amongst
"undeserving and defiling Associates, has sometimes por-
"tended the universal sway of ruin and dilapidation. It has
"been prevented by the counteracting influence of those who
"have remained Faithful to the Honourable principles of this
"Ancient and enduring establishment.

"Were we to carry our recollections back to a local review
"of Masonry in former Times, within our own precinct, we
"should find that it has had its vicissitudes with us. Never
"without powerful and respectable Coadjutors, its influence
"has sometimes been depressed by the weight of popular
"Opinion, and its usefulness impaired by individual miscon-
"duct. Its value has been depreciated by the narrow con-
"ceptions entertained, as well of the solid Advantages as of the
"incidental pleasures it bestows. An occasional dispensation
"of pecuniary Bounty and an Opportunity for revelling in
"the pleasures of the Table, have sometimes seemed to form
"the whole employment of Our Lodges. The foundation of a
"more correct estimate of our Order was laid by our Vener-
"able predecessors. Succeeding to their Honours we have
"aimed by much exertion, though with less Ability, to effect-
"uate their well-intended Views. Circumstances of a pro-
"pitious kind, and the Harmonious Co-operation of the Breth-
"ren have Aided our endeavours, and the result is of the most
"grateful and satisfactory Nature. Although we have hereto-
"fore been obliged to conduct our Labours with accommoda-
"tions of an Humble kind, yet have they been assisted by
"Men whose presence would adorn the lowliest Mansion. Our
"destinies have now conducted us to a Theatre for our pur-
"suits, whose Beauty will exhibit by Contrast every departure
"from propriety in the most Odious Colours. We have placed
"the image of Masonry as it were upon the House Top. If
"we sully her Features, or derange the Symmetry of her Hab-
"iliments, all the World will Witness and deride our Folly,

"and the publicity of her exposure will make her deformity "an object of universal aversion and disgust. On the con- "trary, arrayed in her Native simplicity of appearance, or "ornamented only with the decorations of 'Older Time,' she "will attract to the Vestibule of the Sacred Temple the "upright and the good, your Doors will be crowded with "Visitants the most desirable, and the Votaries of Religion "and of Science will not deny their sanction and support in "the conduct of your mysteries.

"Exulting as we all do in the Value of our present attain- "ments, let us beware not only of retrograding into former "Errors, but of resting satisfied with the progress we have "made. If we do not make daily advances we shall have rea- "son to distrust our present Foothold; we may, insensibly to "ourselves, slide back to the undesirable position we have left. "We have seized this Occasion as the most fortunate that will "ever offer to impress upon your Minds the Value of our in- "estimable Order, and to Animate you to renewed exertions "for its Honour and prosperity.

"For the First Time you are Assembled as a select Body "of Masons within these Walls, and are henceforth to enjoy in "common with the rest of the Craft all the Advantages which "an Union of convenience and elegance can afford you. In "future no apprehensions need be entertained that Violence "will be offered to the feelings and habits of respectable novic- "iates by the meanness or indifference of their reception and "accommodation. What remains to be desired? That such "a studied regard to the maintenance of Harmony, Order and "Decorum should be unceasingly manifested by all; so much "solemnity, Beauty and skill in the Administration of your "Mysteries be observed by those to whom they are confided, "that none shall have their Affections cooled, and their Zeal "abated by even occasional exhibitions of a different Nature. "To accomplish these ends you have not only to remove what- "ever is now amiss amongst you, but to guard with solicitude "against external danger. It is lamentable that our institu- "tion should be sought after by individuals whose Characters "ought to exclude them from all Decent Associations of their

"fellow Men. Yet the fact is not more sorrowful than true. "Crowds of Apostates from Integrity and Virtue are con- "stantly endeavouring to provide a Shield for their Wicked- "ness in the Honourable Name of Masons. A shameful care- "lessness has been the means of introducing some such within "the Vail of our Hallowed sanctuary. Almost all the injury "Masonry has ever received has been from such hands. Let "them knock in vain at the Door of this Lodge. To their "entrance let it be an everlasting Barrier, but to the solicita- "tion of the worthy lend a willing Ear, and be as ready to "grant, as in future we hope they will be, to solicit an interest "in your labours. Let unexceptionable Character and per- "sonal Ability be the only recommendation to Office. Pub- "lish as your Officers the Names of Men whose Characters "have sunk in the general estimation of an enlightened Com- "munity, and you at once exhibit not only a Monument of "Disgrace to the institution, but a Beacon which will prevent "all who estimate as they ought their own Characters from "exposing them to Shipwreck in entering the Haven of your "Lodge. And whilst it warns such to beware of Danger, it "invites men of a different description to desire a connexion "with a Body whose exposure of its imbecillity or Vice has "given promise of an intercourse congenial with their de- "praved Views. On the contrary, hold out to public View as "the Superintendents of Your Labours, Men of Unspotted "reputation, whose steps through life, whether mounting up "the elevated heights of learning and science, or moving "through the Humbler but not less Honourable paths of com- "mon Industry, have never deviated into the Crooked ways "of abused appetite and forfeited integrity, and you address "by these means more powerful persuasives to an union with "your society, than the most laboured eloquence could fur- "nish.

"Were I to unbosom to you, my Brethren, on this occasion "all the anxious feelings of my Mind on the many interesting "Topics connected with the design of these Visitations, I "should weary your attention. It would also involve me in "an unavoidable repetition of the substance of former Com-

"munications. One subject, however, claims a Moment's ob-
"servation, because its importance has in some instances not
"been duly estimated, and the Consequences of this Error
"have been deeply felt. I allude to the proper conduct of
"the Table of refreshment. I am not an enemy of Masonic
"Banquets under proper government and regulations. The
"most enlivening pleasures derivable from social intercourse
"between congenial minds I have felt in the swiftly passing
"Moments of innocent enjoyment with my Brethren at the
"Festive Board. The salutary restrictions imposed on all
"during the Hours of Labour require to be followed by these
"harmless relaxations, and every Mason possessed of the
"genuine feelings of the Craft highly appreciates the Happi-
"ness they bestow. I would increase this Happiness by
"rendering them still more assimilated to the principles of our
"institution, by giving them a form and Order that will never
"debar indulgence to a rational extent, but will nevertheless
"curb a disposition to wander into licentiousness and dissipa-
"tion. Let the charms of Music be allowed to give Variety to
"the delights of these associations. Poetry has lavished her
"store of Beauties for the very purpose, and much may be
"found adapted to the eulogy of our Order on the Virtues it
"professes to inculcate. If extraneous subjects are resorted to,
"let a wholesome discipline prevent the introduction of what-
"ever is subversive of the principles of Morality or Offensive
"to the delicacy of a Chastened Mind.

"Let the same Discipline be exerted in restricting the dura-
"tion of the season of refreshment within those suitable limits
"which have lately been prescribed by the Grand Lodge.
"Respect for the Opinions of the World, for the Masonic Insti-
"tution, and for the Duties we owe our Families should super-
"cede on these Occasions any inclination to protract unneces-
"sarily our personal enjoyments. The Danger of affecting the
"Morals or the Health of our Members by exceeding the
"bounds of Temperance and Moderation, should form another
"inducement for defining and observing with invariable
"strictness the same precision as to Hours which our Regula-
"tions prescribe, (and which ought never to be neglected,) for

"commencing and closing the Labours of the Lodge. And in "the midst of all our Masonic recreations within these Walls, "let this recollection operate as a Talisman, that the Sacred "Temple which contains us stands dedicated in solemn form "to our all-seeing Grand Master, and Consecrated to the best "interests of Virtue and Benevolence. Never let its precincts "be Violated by the pollutions of intemperance and Vice, nor "debased by the intrusion of Discord and Disorder. I cannot "conclude this Charge without renewing my Congratulations "on the advancing prosperity of our Society. Our Lodges in "this City have increased to the Number of 21, and in each "particular Lodge, (with One or Two exceptions,) the same "rapid accession of Members as was noticed last Year still "continues. This is on many Accounts an exhilarating cir-"cumstance, and on none more so than the Assurance it has "given us to ground the completion of the Building on a Loan "in addition to the One formerly effected. I solicit intelli-"gent Brethren to examine the plan on which this part of our "important undertaking has been accomplished, and I antici-"pate from their enquiries a concurrence in our Opinion, that "it was the best, if not the only mode in which the work could "be conducted to a conclusion, and that the speedy accumu-"lation of the Sinking Fund for the discharge of our Debt, "ought now to form the supreme object of Attention not only "of the Grand Lodge, but of every subordinate Member of the "Great Family now profiting by the privilege of prosecuting "their Labours in this place. No ingenuity can separate the "interests of the One from the Other. If there be a difference "in their Degrees, it consists in the Superior Advantages "which the success of our scheme has procured for the subor-"dinate Lodges. These can only be perpetuated by united "and Vigorous efforts for our emancipation from the burthen "which the great extent of the undertaking has unavoidably "created. In earnest solicitude for such exertions as might "anticipate the period fixed for its removal, I would fain in-"scribe in enlarged Capitals on the Portals of every Lodge, an "injunction that should constantly be in the full view of every "faithful, Zealous Craftsman. Never consider your Duties as

"a Mason fulfilled until you have seen the House of your As-
"semblage released from the Debt due to those who have
"enabled you to build it. When this shall be effected, the
"Charities of Our Society will be extended beyond all pre-
"cedent; the endowment of a Seminary for the Education of
"the Children of impoverished or Deceased Brethren will be
"easily effected, and the welfare and respectability of the
"Craft will be placed upon an eminence beyond the reach of
"accident.

"Brethren of Lodge, A painful Duty remains to be
"performed. Called unexpectedly to the fulfillment of Duties
"of a public Nature, amongst the other sacrifices my absence
"will occasion, a separation from my Brethren is not amongst
"the least. This Sacrifice is however merely upon my part.
"All the Advantages to be derived from a correct and able
"discharge of the Duties of my station will be better insured
"by the administration of my worthy Brethren who succeed
"to them in Course, or who may at the approaching period
"of Election receive the suffrages of the Society. Believe me
"I shall carry with me unimpaired those sentiments of sincere
"Attachment to the Craft which have prompted all my past
"Labours, and the Happiness of my return amongst you will
"I trust receive a New Zest from the Evidences you shall then
"exhibit of improvement in the Noble Art, and in all the
"Virtues it inculcates on its professors.

"And now, my Brethren, commending you to the protec-
"tion of Our Supreme Head and beseeching him to shower
"down his Blessings upon you, I have only to leave you my
"warmest wishes that peace may remain within your borders,
"and Brotherly Love more and more abound, that Zeal regu-
"lated by knowledge and prudence, may Characterize your
"transactions, and that your Lights as a Lodge and Individ-
"ually may so shine before Men, that others seeing your good
"works may seek to become Co-workers with you in the Cause
"of Charity and Virtue.

(Sign'd) "JAMES MILNOR."

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2d December, A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.

" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Andrew M. Prevost, Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 45, 51, 59, 66, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 91, 93, 100, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 117, 118, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, and 131 represented.

Thirty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and Adjournments were read.

Whereas, the Mortgage given by Daniel Carroll on the 29th September, 1809, to the then Grand Officers, to wit: James Milnor, Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Richard Tybout, Robert Poalk, George A. Baker and Samuel F. Bradford for Two Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars, part of the purchase Money of the Old Hall, has been fully paid to the Grand Treasurer, Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford. Therefore, Resolved, That Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford, the Grand Treasurer, be Authorized and he is hereby Authorized to Enter satisfaction to the said Mortgage in the Office of Recorder of Deeds, &c., for the City and County of Philadelphia.

A Commission from Lodge No. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County, was read, Appointing Bro^r. William Page their Proxy to represent them in this Grand Lodge, Which

being in due Form, Bro^r. Page was recognized as Proxy of said Lodge N°. 92.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the Election, when

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esquire, Counsellor at Law, and a Member of the Congress of the United States from the State of Pennsylvania, was duly Re-elected R. W. Grand Master.

" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., Sworn Interpreter of Foreign Languages, Conveyancer, &c., &c., was duly Re-elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Richard Tybout, Hat Manufacturer, was duly Re-elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Joseph Burden, Fancy Chair Manufacturer, was duly Re-elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, Conveyancer and Treasurer of the City of Philadelphia, was duly Re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary, and

" Samuel F. Bradford, Printer and Book seller, was duly Re-elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the R. W. Senior Grand Warden and the R. W. Junior Grand Warden be a Committee to inform the R. W. Grand Master, Bro^r. James Milnor, Esquire, of his Re-election.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at ¼ past 9 o'clock, P. M., to the Third Monday in the present Month at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th Decemr, A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Grand Secretary, Pro Temp.
" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
" George E. Blake, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John Darragh, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.
" Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 43, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 77, 91, 103, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130 and 131 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Due Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee Appointed on the 2nd September last to confer with a Committee from the Grand Lodge of Delaware made Report, which was read. And On Motion made and Seconded, the same was Adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Ma-
"sonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

"The Committee appointed September 2nd last past, to con-
"fer with a Committee from the Grand Lodge of Dela-
"ware, on the subject of the differences that exist between
"them and this Grand Lodge. Beg leave to Report.

"That in complyance with their Appointment they have "met the said Committee, who in behalf of their said Grand "Lodge have expressed their desire to be on a good under-"standing with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"That the said Committee have therefore in behalf of their "said Grand Lodge, testified their entire disapprobation of the "conduct of Archibald Hamilton, Junior Warden of Lodge

"No. 14, on the First Day of September, 5806, when he pre-
"sented to this Grand Lodge sundry Returns from his said
"Lodge.

"That they Acknowledge that the Lodges No. 14, 33 and
"96, formerly under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and
"No. 31, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Mary-
"land, acted irregularly and committed several great errors in
"the formation of the said Grand Lodge, but that there was
"not the least intention to do anything displeasing or disre-
"spectful to this Grand Lodge, or contrary to Ancient Usages
"and Land Marks, which, if then known to them, they would
"have held sacred.

"That the aforesaid Grand Lodge of Delaware are willing
"to pay out of their Funds the Amount of the several Grand
"Lodge Dues owing by each of the said Lodges, No. 14, 33
"and 96, as soon as the same is ascertained and settled by
"their said Committee, and to return the Warrants of the said
"Lodges.

"That so far as the Rules and Regulations of the Grand
"Lodge of Delaware may be found to differ from Ancient
"Masonic Usage, the Committee are willing to have them cor-
"rected, and such parts expunged as may be deemed requisite
"to conform them to the Ancient Land Marks. That they
"pray the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
"would recognize the said Grand Lodge of Delaware, and
"agree to open with them the same regular and friendly Com-
"munication as is carried on with the other Grand Lodges,
"and has proved so beneficial to the Advancement of the
"Craft.

"Your Committee beg leave to add that the said Grand
"Lodge of Delaware and the Lodges under their Jurisdiction,
"are composed of such respectable Characters as will greatly
"contribute to the improvement of and do Honour to the
"Ancient Craft.

"Your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolu-
"tions:

"Resolved, that the Resolution passed on the 15th of Sep-
"tember, A. L. 5806, against recognizing the Grand Lodge
"of Delaware, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

"Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "do recognize the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and do Agree to "open a Mutual and Friendly intercourse with the said Grand "Lodge, and to preserve and strengthen the same by every "Act of Good Offices and Brotherly Love.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Richard Tybout.
"Samuel F. Bradford.
"Walter Kerr.
"John Darragh."

"Philadelphia, Decem^r. 16, 5811."

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit a Copy of the foregoing to the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Committee of Occupancy on the Application of Lodge N°. 128, for a Change of Nights be discharged, and that Bro^rs. Thomas Bradford, jun^r., George E. Blake and Frederick Erringer, be a New Committee for that purpose.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 9, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom were referr'd the Bye Laws of "Lodge N°. 9, Respectfully Report,

"That having carefully examined the said Bye Laws, beg "leave to recommend the following Alterations.

"Section 2nd. Insert after the word *refuses* in the Third Line, "*unless he has served the Office before.*

"Section 10th to be stricken out.

"With the above alterations, Your Committee respectfully "recommend the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 9, for the approba- "tion of this Grand Lodge.

(Sign'd) "Robt. Pullen.
"Robert Poalk."

"Decem^r. 16th. 1811."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 123, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand
"Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom were referr'd the Bye Laws of St.
"John's Lodge, No. 123, held in York Town, Pennsylvania,
"Respectfully beg leave to Report,

"That they have carefully and attentively examined the
"same, and are of Opinion the following should be stricken
"out as being contrary to the principles of Masonry:

"11th Article. To strike out from the word *Masonry* in the Eleventh Line, to the word *which* in the Thirteenth Line.

"11th Article. To strike out from the word *Tyler* in the Twenty First Line, to the end of the Article.

"14th Article. To strike out from the word *Ment*, in the Fourteenth Line to the end of the Article.

"17th Article. To strike out from the beginning of this Article, to the word *Imposition* in the Eleventh Line.

"With the above Alterations, they respectfully recommend
"that the Grand Lodge approve of the Bye Laws of St. John's
"Lodge, No. 123.

(Sign'd) "Robt. Pullen.
"Decemr. 16, 1811." "Robert Poalk."

Which Report was Adopted, and the Grand Secretary requested to write a Letter fully explaining the reason of the said Alterations.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 128, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand
"Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom were referr'd the Bye Laws of
"Temple Lodge, No. 128,
"Respectfully Report,

"That they have attentively examined the same, and find
"them conformable to the Constitution of our Ancient Society.
"They beg leave to recommend that the Grand Lodge approve
"of the Bye Laws of Temple Lodge, No. 128.

(Sign'd) "Robt. Pullen.
"Decemr. 16, 1811." "Robert Poalk."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 130, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom were referr'd the Bye Laws of "Phœnix Lodge, No. 130,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have examined the same with due attention, "and find them correct, agreeably to the established Rules of "our Ancient Constitution.

"Your Committee beg leave to recommend that the Grand "Lodge Approve of the Bye Laws of Phœnix Lodge, No. 130.

(Sign'd) "Robt. Pullen.

"Decemr. 16, 1811." "Robert Poalk."

Which Report was Adopted.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet on the First Monday in January next at 6 o'clock in the Evening. Thos. Hennessy, Dep. Gr. Secy.

St. John the Evangelist's Day, Philadelphia, Friday, 27th December, A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro. James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.

" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. Depy. Grand Master.

" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Samuel Lippincott, T., Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Revd. Doctr. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant

" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

" Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master.

" Andrew M. Prevost, Grand Marshal.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 45, 51, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 91, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 127, 128, 130 and 131 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was read, and thereupon the following Grand Officers Elect were severally Installed into their respective Offices in Ancient and Solemn Form, to wit:

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford, the Grand Treasurer Elect, not being present, his Installation could not take place.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following Appointments, to wit:

Bro^r. Thomas Elliott, Senior Grand Deacon.
" John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. John Andrews,
" " " William Rogers,
" " " George Potts,
" " " George Richards,
} Grand Chaplains.

Bro^r. Thomas Amies,
" William Wray,
} Grand Stewards.

" Walter Kerr, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Andrew M. Prevost, Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz:

Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr.,
" Samuel F. Bradford,
" Thomas Hennessy,
} Committee of Correspondence.

" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr.,
" William McCullagh,
" William Page,
} Committee of Accounts.

Bro^r. Frederick Wolbert, Esqr.,
" Thomas Bradford, jun^r., Esqr.,
" Richard Bache, Esqr.,
} Committee to examine the Bye Laws of the Subordinate Lodges as the same shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge.

" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr.,
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr.,
" William McCullagh,
} Committee to examine the transactions of the past Year, and select for publication.

" Thomas Entrikin,
" Frederick Erringer, Esqr.,
" Samuel Lippincott, T.,
} Hall Committee.

" Frederick Wolbert, Esqr., for the Northern Liberties,
" George A. Baker, for the City,
" Daniel Bussier, Esqr., for Southwark,
} Recommenders of Objects to the Philadelphia Dispensary.

Bro^r. Grand Secretary stated that he had reappointed Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Deputy Grand Secretary for the ensuing year, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the Appointment. Whereupon, the same was Unanimously Approved.

The Lodges being called on for their Returns, the following Returns were received and read, to wit:

Election Return of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, returning Comp^a. James Milnor, Esqr., (the R. W. G. M.) 1st Grand Chief, Ex Officio; Bro^r. Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., 2nd Grand Chief; Bro^r. Frederick Erringer, Esqr., 3^d Grand Chief; Bro^r. Andrew M. Prevost, Grand Recorder; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Grand Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Clyde, W. M.; Bro^r. Andrew Scott, S. W.; Bro^r. James McKaraher, J. W.; Bro^r. John McArthur, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Suspension of J—— H——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Richard Bache, Esqr., W. M.; Bro^r. George C.

Snyder, S. W.; Bro^r. Boyd Reilly, J. W.; Bro^r. Benjamin Van Hook, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Tomkins, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph T. Clement, W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph S. Lewis, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Relf, J. W.; Bro^r. Robert Milnor, Secretary; Bro^r. Peter Wager, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Armstrong, Esqr., W. M.; Bro^r. William Hill, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph McCoy, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Passey, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Mercer, Treasurer. Return of Members.

Lodge N°. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. James Comly, W. M.; Bro^r. Jonathan Johnston, S. W.; Bro^r. William Kneass, J. W.; Bro^r. James Fullen, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Lippincott, T., Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 69, held at Chester. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph T. John, W. M.; Bro^r. William Baker, S. W.; Bro^r. Job H. Terrill, J. W.; Bro^r. Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Engle Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Bozarth, W. M., Bro^r. Henry Bolton, S. W.; Bro^r. John Krauskop, J. W.; Bro^r. William Adams, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Brobston, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Adam Keyser, W. M.; Bro^r. John Stinger, S. W.; Bro^r. George A. Meckie, J. W.; Bro^r. John Snyder, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning the Expulsions of L—— S——, S—— R——, J—— K——, P—— P——, J—— J. P——, W—— T. B——, I—— I. K——, M—— R——, C—— K——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Peter Thouron, W. M.; Bro^r. Augustus Auriol, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Chauveau, J. W.; Bro^r. John B. Orso, Secretary; Bro^r. Nicholas E. Thouron, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-

ing Bro^r. Samuel Badger, W. M.; Bro^r. George W. Bartram, S. W.; Bro^r. William Strickland, J. W.; Bro^r. Henry M. Prevost, Secretary; Bro^r. George E. Blake, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of N—— P. H——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. John McWaters, W. M.; Bro^r. John Kissick, S. W.; Bro^r. Florence Cotter, J. W.; Bro^r. Isaac Macauley, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Vickers, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel H. Jacobs, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Thomas Allibone, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Jackson, J. W.; Bro^r. John Baynton, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas P. Roberts, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Benjamin Jones, jun^r., W. M^r.; Bro^r. Benjamin B. Howell, S. W.; Bro^r. William Morrison, J. W.; Bro^r. Anthony M. Rogers, Secretary; Bro^r. William J. Baker, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Kittera, Esqr., W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph Barnes, Esqr., S. W.; Bro^r. Spencer Dewees, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Bussier, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Nathan R. Potts, W. M.; Bro^r. Cornelius Stevenson, S. W.; Bro^r. John Carpenter, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Lake, Secretary; Bro^r. Frederick Erringer, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Grand General Communication Closed in Harmony at ¼ past 12 o'clock at Noon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th January, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.

" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Walter Kerr, Grand Sword Bearer.
" William Rogers, D. D., Grand Chaplain.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 91, 102, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 121, 125, 127, 128, 130 and 131 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Due Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

A Petition from divers Brethren formerly Members of Lodge N°. 25, held at Bristol, in Bucks County, was read, stating that owing to Death and the removal of many of their Members, and from other circumstances they had been obliged to discontinue their Meetings, and had applied to this Grand Lodge for permission to deposit their Warrant until a more favourable period for their Meetings, but by the Advice of the then R. W. Grand Master, Bro^r. J. B. Smith, Esqr., they had not deposited the Warrant with the Grand Lodge, but had retained it. That their G. L. Dues had been paid up, or nearly so, to the period of their having so discontinued their Meetings. That they are desirous of re-establishing the said Lodge under the said Warrant, and pray the Grand Lodge to grant them permission again to Open and hold the said Lodge N°. 25 at Bristol aforesaid.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

The Committee appointed on the state of the Country Lodges, &c., &c., made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Ma-
"sonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee appointed to examine the Report of the "Committee on the State of the Country Lodges, and also the "Report of the Grand Secretary respecting the Jewells, &c., "of certain Lodges Vacated, &c., and to whom was referred so "much of Address delivered the 21st of October last past, by "the R. W. Grand Master, as relates to the Appointment of "District Deputies or Inspectors, beg leave to Report.

"That they find that many of the Country Lodges have "been very dilatory in making their Returns and remitting "their Annual Dues. That several Lodges have been Vacated "whose Jewells, Warrants, &c., could not be obtained. That "several have discontinued their Meetings and several were "in Arrears with the Grand Lodge at the Time the said Re-"ports were made, and are so now, though a few have settled "their Accounts of Dues, or in part since that Time. That "all the delinquent Lodges have been notified by Bro^r. Grand "Secretary.

"Your Committee are convinced that many of the Lodges "have neglected their Duties towards the Grand Lodge "through ignorance, and for want of having received that in-"citement which is generally the result of Grand Visitations, "where the wrongs are pointed out, Duties are explained, and "the consequence is a reviving of Zeal and a determination to "comply with everything that is required by the Constitu-"tion.

"Your Committee do perfectly agree with the R. W. Grand "Master in the propriety and even the necessity of appointing "District Deputy Grand Masters or Inspectors, but they can-"not pretend to say how many should be Appointed and are "of Opinion that it would be better to leave it to the discre-"tion of the R. W. Grand Master.

"Your Committee beg leave to submit the following Reso-"lution:

"Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be respectfully re-"quested to appoint such Number of District Deputies or In-"spectors, as in his Wisdom he shall think proper and suffi-"cient to Visit the Country Lodges, whose Duties shall be to "make Grand Visitations of the Lodges in their several Dis-

"tricts as soon as possible, then and there to examine into the "state of the said Lodges, their manner of working, correct "their Errors, to comply with all further directions which "shall from Time to Time be given to them by the R. W. "Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, and to make report of "their proceedings at the Grand Communications in June and "December in each and every year.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Saml. F. Bradford."

"Philad^a., Decr. 16, 5811."

Which Report and Resolution was Adopted.

The Grand Secretary Reported That from the Quarterly Communication in September last to the Quarterly Communication in December last, he had received the following on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$175.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, ...	40.95
For Books of Ahiman Rezon, ...	6.33
Of David Barnum, Rent, ...	250.
Total, ...	$472.28

Which was Ordered to be Entered on the Minutes.

The Committee Appointed on the 16th Septr. last on the Petition of Bro^r. Robert McElwee made Report, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"We the Committee appointed by the R. W. Grand Lodge "of Pennsylvania to examine the Petition of Robert McElwee "have attended to that Duty, and beg leave to Report That it "is the Opinion of Your Committee that Bro^r. McElwee hav-"ing paid for the Warrant, &c., &c., of Lodge N°. 123 on the "Receipt thereof, Agreeable to the 19th Article of the Rules "and Regulations for the Government of this R. W. Grand "Lodge, has performed the Duty Assigned him, and cannot "be held accountable to this R. W. Grand Lodge.

(Sign'd) "George E. Blake.
"Samuel F. Bradford.
"Joseph Barnes."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee Appointed on the 16th December last on the Petition of Lodge No. 128, respecting a Change of their Evenings of Meeting, made Report, which was read, but not Adopted.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England of 4th September last was read and

Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was read, dated 30th June last, and

Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge No. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Benjamin Morton, W. M.; Bro. Thomas De Silver, S. W.; Bro. Nathan Bunker, J. W.; Bro. Daniel Wythe, Secretary; Bro. John Maull, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 19, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of their Bye Laws, which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 22, held at Sunbury, Northumd. Co. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Letter informing of the rejection of T—— S——, a Printer by trade.

Lodge No. 52, held at Philadelphia. Communication from said Lodge informing of their having taken only One Evening in the Month, being the First Wednesday, in the large Room.

Lodge No. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return, returning Bro. Allen Jack, W. M.; Bro. Charles Miner, S. W.; Bro. Isaac Bowman, J. W.; Bro. Jesse Fell, Secretary; Bro. Enoch Ogden, Treasurer.

Lodge No 81, held at Germantown. Election Return, returning Bro. Gabriel Coit, W. M.; Bro. Jacob Billger, S. W.; Bro. William Alexander, J. W.; Bro. Daniel Topham, Secretary; Bro. John Sinket, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Copy of their Bye Laws, which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Isaac A. Rowland, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas Irwin, S. W.; Bro^r. Thompson McKean, J. W.; Bro^r. John Wilson, Secretary; Bro^r. McClelland, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Rejections of F—— T—— and S—— R——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 94, held at New Hope, Coryells Ferry. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Ely, jun^r., W. M.; Bro^r. John Simpson, S. W.; Bro^r. Isaac Mitchenor, J. W.; Bro^r. Enos Scarborough, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert T. Neely, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsions of R—— N—— and M—— C. S——.

Lodge No. 102, held at Frankford. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Levi Love, W. M.; Bro^r. Henry Comly, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas H. Norton, J. W.; Bro^r. George C. Troutman, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Whitaker, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 110, held at Connelsville, Fayette County. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Kissick, W. M.; Bro^r. Florence Cotter, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Harper, J. W.; Bro^r. Isaac McCaley, Secretary; Bro^r. William Graham, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 121, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members, containing the Rejection of S—— V——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, W. M.; Bro^r. Maurice Wurts, S. W.; Bro^r. Humphrey Atherton, J. W.; Bro^r. John C. Richardson, Secretary; Bro^r. William Worrell, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Communication of their having accepted of the Extra Night in the small Room.

Lodge No. 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Frederick Mayer, W. M.; Bro^r. George Helmbold, S. W.; Bro^r. William McCollin, J. W.; Bro^r. Mayein S. Powell, Secretary; Bro^r. Daniel Saint, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, re-

turning Bro^r. James Hamill, W. M.; Bro^r. John Hamill, S. W.; Bro^r. John Young, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Ennis, Secretary; Bro^r. James Thompson, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

The following Resolution was offered and referr'd to Bro^rs. Samuel Lippincott, T., Joseph T. Clement and Richard Bache to Report: Resolved, that the Masters of the several subordinate Lodges in this City do cause a Notification of any rejection or Expulsion which may take place in their Lodge to be made immediately to the Grand Secretary, and that it be the Duty of the Grand Secretary to cause to be printed Semi-annually, a List of Expulsions and Rejections in the several Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and of any Expulsions or Rejections from any subordinate Lodges under other Jurisdictions which may be communicated to this Grand Lodge, and that the said Grand Secretary furnish each Lodge under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge with several Copies of said Lists for their information and government.

Resolved, That the next Meeting of the Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary present a Letter received some years since from Lodge N°. 21, held at Harrisburgh, containing certain Charges against Bro^r. James Ph. De Puglia, together with the Documents accompanying the same.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, 3^d February, A. D. 1812, A. L 5812 (Monday).

Grand Lodge of Pennsylv^a., Grand Special Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.

" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Rev^d. Doct^r. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro^r. Thomas Elliott, Senior Grand Deacon.
" William Wray, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 43, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 91, 92, 103, 105, 108, 114, 117, 118, 121, 126, 128, 130 and 131 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in due Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master informed the Brethren that they were convened for the purpose of receiving a Petition praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge. Whereupon

A Petition was read from divers Brethren, Ancient York Master Masons, all late or formerly Members of Lodges held at Philadelphia, praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in the City of Philadelphia under the Name of "Economy Lodge," and that Bro^r. Henry Snyder might be named W. M^r.; Bro^r. George D. Moore, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. John Shreyer, Junior Warden of the same. Upon Consideration, the prayer of the Petitioners was not granted.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Half past 8 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2nd March, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M. in the Chair.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Bradford, jun^r., R. W Grand Treasurer, P. T.

Bro^r. William Wray, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Frederick Erringer, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Walter Kerr, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" George W. Bartram, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 91, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 118, 121, 125, 127, 128, 130 and 131 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in due Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and other Communications were read.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That since St. John's Day last he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$40.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, ...	38.22
For Books of Ahiman Rezon, ...	2.67
Total, ...	$80.89

Which was Ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The Committee on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 125, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of "the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 125.

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the Bye Laws of Her-"man's Lodge, No. 125, and find nothing therein contrary to "the Constitution of Ancient Masonry, or the Rules and Reg-"ulations of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and therefore recom-"mend them to the R. W. Grand Lodge for their Approbation.

"Respectfully submitted,

(Sign'd) "FREDERICK WOLBERT.
"GEORGE A. BAKER."

"Philad^a., 2nd March, 1812."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 6th January last, on a

Resolution then offered respecting Rejections and Expulsions made Report which was read, Amended and Adopted as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Ma-
"sonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee to whom was referr'd a Resolution respect-
"ing the Notification of rejections and Expulsions, and the
"printing of the same semi-annually,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have attended to that Duty, and offer the fol-
"lowing Resolution for the Consideration of the Grand Lodge.

"Resolved, That the Master of the respective subordinate
"Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, do
"cause a notification of every rejection or expulsion which
"may take place in their Lodges, to be made immediately to
"the Grand Secretary, communicating also the place of Resi-
"dence and Occupation of the person so Rejected or Expelled;
"and that it be the Duty of the Grand Secretary to cause a
"list to be printed semi-annually, of such rejections and Ex-
"pulsions, together with those rejections and Expulsions
"which may be communicated from other Grand Lodges, and
"that the said Grand Secretary furnish each Lodge under the
"Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge with a Copy of said Lists
"for their information and government.

(Sign'd) "SAMUEL LIPPINCOTT, T.
"RICHARD BACHE."

A Petition was read from Bro^r. William Meguire, a Member of Lodge N°. 2, stating that he conceived himself Aggrieved by the proceedings had in Lodge N°. 2, on a complaint made by Bro^r. John Douglass, jun^r., also a Member of said Lodge N°. 2, against the said Petitioner, and Appealing from the said decision of Lodge N°. 2, to this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, Bro^rs. Walter Kerr, Thomas Kittera, George E. Blake, Thomas Amies and James Harper, jun^r., were appointed a Committee to examine and Report thereon.

In Compliance with a Resolution of the 6th January last, the Grand Secretary presented a Letter received some Years

since, (say in 1805,) from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 21, containing certain Charges against Bro$^{r.}$ James Ph. De Puglia, together with the Documents accompanying the same and which were read. Whereupon, Bro$^{r.}$ Thomas Bradford, jun$^{r.,}$ presented and read a Memorial from Bro$^{r.}$ De Puglia, requesting an enquirey concerning the said Charges, and

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee of Five Members be Appointed to examine and Report on the Complaint of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 21, held at Harrisburg against Bro$^{r.}$ J. Ph. De Puglia, formerly Master of said Lodge and now a Member of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 3. Bro$^{rs.}$ Joseph Burden, Walter Kerr, Thomas Bradford, jun$^{r.,}$ Samuel Badger and William Wray were appointed to compose said Committee.

Bro$^{r.}$ Thomas Bradford, jun$^{r.,}$ (in behalf of Bro$^{r.}$ Thomas Hennessy who was not present) offered the following Resolution, to wit:

Resolved, that a Committee of Five Members be appointed to enquire and Report whether any Masons belonging to Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, Lodge L'Amenite excepted, hold or attend meetings in this City, in places other than the Masonic Hall, where, when and by whom they are so held. Which Resolution was Adopted, and Bro$^{rs.}$ Thomas Bradford, jun$^{r.,}$ William Wray, George Alcorn, Thomas Amies and Robert De Silver were Appointed to be the said Committee.

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That such of the Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge as have not already paid up their Dues, be requested to pay to the Grand Treasurer their Dues to S$^{t.}$ John's Day last or so much thereof on Account as they conveniently can, as speedily as possible.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro$^{r.}$ George A. Baker, jun$^{r.,}$ W. M.; Bro$^{r.}$ Edward W. Carr, S. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Edward Shelmerdine, J. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ David Neilson, Secretary; Bro$^{r.}$ Joseph Burden, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 3, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return, returning Bro$^{r.}$ William Hamilton, W. M.; Bro$^{r.}$ Jeremiah Mosher, S. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Samuel Humes, J. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Henry Antes, Secretary; Bro$^{r.}$ Egbert Taylor, Treasurer.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 45, held at Pittsburgh. Election Return, returning Bro$^{r.}$ James Kerwin, W. M.; Bro$^{r.}$ George Robinson, S. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Robert Graham, J. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Henry Baird, Secretary; Bro$^{r.}$ John Gorman, Treasurer.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 59, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues, also Election Return, returning Bro$^{r.}$ James Pearl, W. M.; Bro$^{r.}$ James Rabb, S. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Patrick Carson, J. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ W$^{m.}$ Sweeny, Sec$^{y.}$; Bro$^{r.}$ Tho$^{s.}$ McClean, Treas$^{r.}$

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 84, held at Somerset, Pennsylvania. Election Return, returning Bro$^{r.}$ James Clark, W. M.; Bro$^{r.}$ John Mong, S. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Alexander Luin, J. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ James M. Riddle, Secretary; Bro$^{r.}$ Elisha Colver, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

A Letter from said Lodge dated 1st January last, informing of the bad Conduct of a certain W—— O—— F——, who applied to Visit said Lodge but was refused.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 119, held in the Town of Clifford, Wayne C$^{o.}$ Return of Members, containing the rejection of M—— B——.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro$^{r.}$ Jacob Belsterling, W. M.; Bro$^{r.}$ William Geisse, S. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Andrew Busch, J. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Philip Geisse, Secretary; Bro$^{r.}$ Charles Hupfeld, Treasurer. Return of Members.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 131, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge. Referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Bro$^{rs.}$ Richard Tybout, Walter Kerr and George A. Baker be a Committee to Petition the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in Behalf of this Grand Lodge, for an Act to exempt the property of this Grand Lodge from Taxation.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M., to meet on the First Monday in April next at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th April, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.

" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" George A. Baker, Senior Grand Deacon.
" John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Samuel Passy, Grand Chaplain, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.
" Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 45, 51, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 91, 92, 103, 105, 108, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128 and 131 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford, the Grand Treasurer Elect, not having attended the Grand Lodge on St. John's Day last, nor since that Time, and being now present, he was Installed into his said Office in Ancient and Solemn Form.

A Petition was read from divers Ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Beaver, in Beaver County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Name of "St. James' Lodge," and

that Bro^r. Stanton Sholes might be named W. Master; Bro^r. Jonathan Mendenhall, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Hugh M^c.-Culloch, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 133.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 19, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master and Officers of the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto "belonging:

"The Committee on Bye Laws make the following Re-"port:

"That they have attentively examined the Bye Laws of "Lodge N°. 19, which were submitted to them and approve "the same, except so far as relates to One Section, in which "they suggest the following Amendment.

"Article 15th, Strike out the Title to this Section and the "first Nine Lines to 'passed,' and insert in lieu thereof before "the words 'before he is perfect.'"

"'*Brother must perfect himself in Degrees.*' No person shall "be passed or raised to a Degree."

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd) "FRED^K. WOLBERT.
"THOMAS BRADFORD, jun^r.
"RICHARD BACHE."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 81, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master and Officers of the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction there-"unto belonging:

"The Committee on Bye Laws, make the following Report:

"That they have attentively examined the Bye Laws of

"'Hiram Lodge, No. 81,' Germantown, which were submitted "to them and suggest the following amendments thereto, "Viz:

"*Section* 3d. In the Tenth Line of this Section, after the word "'Stated' strike out 'or special.'

"*Section* 4th. Insert the word 'York' between the words 'An- "cient' and 'Mason' in the First Line.

"*Section* 5th. Strike out the whole of Section Fifth.

"*Section* 8th. Insert 'York' between 'Ancient' and 'Masonry,' "and alter the word 'Masonry' to 'Masons' "in the Eighth Line.

"Alter the Numbers of the subsequent Sections "so as to be in their proper Numerical Order. "Thus 'Section 6th' to read 'Section 5' &c., "&c., &c.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd) "FREDK. WOLBERT.
"THOMAS BRADFORD, junr.
"RICHARD BACHE."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 131, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master and Officers of the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto "belonging:

"The Committee on Bye Laws make the following Re- "port:

"That they have attentively examined the Bye Laws of "'Industry Lodge, No. 131' submitted to them, and approved "of the Regulations therein contained, and offer the following "amendment to Article *13:* in the 5th Line between 'of' and "'Pennsylvania' read 'the Grand Lodge of'

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) "FREDK. WOLBERT.
"THOMAS BRADFORD, junr.
"RICHARD BACHE."

Which Report was Adopted.

A Communication from Lodge No. 19, held at Philadelphia,

was read, informing of the Rejection of J—— I. S——, Merchant, Aged 27 Years, residing in Philadelphia, who had Petitioned to be Initiated in said Lodge.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge No. 45, held at Pittsburgh, Viz: Return of Members, Containing the Expulsion of J—— H. C——, the Suspensions of J—— F——, J—— S——, S—— D, ——, P—— B—— and H—— B——; and the Rejections of J—— W——, J—— McG——, J—— G——, H—— G—— and J—— G——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. Also the proceedings and Testimony in the Case of the Expulsion of J—— H. C——, accompanied by a Letter informing that Bro^r. C—— had notified the Lodge that he intended to Appeal to this Grand Lodge.

A Letter from the said J—— H. C——, entering his Appeal from the Vote of Expulsion passed against him by said Lodge No. 45, which was read, and together with the said Documents transmitted by the Lodge; referr'd to Bro^rs. Thomas Amies, Thomas Bradford, jun^r., and William Wray to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 50, held at West Chester. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Isaac Darlington, W. M.; Bro^r. Isaac Tussey, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Pearce, J. W.; Bro^r. William Darlington, Secretary; Bro^r. Ephraim Buffington, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the rejections of J—— W—— and W—— T. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 51, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members, containing the following Suspensions for Non payment of Dues, Viz: J—— N. D——, A—— H. D——, G—— D——, M—— F——, jun^r., C—— P. H——, N—— H——, C—— H——, W—— L——, T—— R. P——, J—— T——, C—— T——, C—— R. T——, W—— T——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 67, held at Philadelphia. A Communication of the Expulsion of T—— W. B——.

Lodge No. 113, held at Pittsburgh. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Henry Baldwin, W. M.; Bro^r. Anthony Beelen, S.

W.; Bro^r. Edward Gowdy, J. W.; Bro^r. William Steele, Secretary; Bro^r. Z. A. Tannehill, Treasurer. Return of Members.

Lodge N°. 125, held at Philadelphia. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

The Committee appointed on the 2nd Ultimo to enquire respecting Masonic Meetings held in this City, not being ready to Report, were continued.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Hall Committee be Authorized to furnish the Lights for the different Lodges at their Refreshment Table for the Additional sum of 25 Cents per Lodge per Night.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st June, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.

" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Thomas Armstrong, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Bradford, jun^r., R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Samuel Lippincott, T., Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Dep^y. Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Samuel Passy, Rev^d. Grand Chaplain, P. T
" Walter Kerr, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 59, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 91, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 118, 121, 125, 128, 130 and 131 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form (the R. W. Deputy Grand Master being in the Chair) at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Adjourned Com^s. were read.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master Communicated to the Brethren that the Managers of the Bridge, now erecting across the River Schuylkill at the Upper Ferry, called the Lancaster Schuylkill Bridge, had on the 27th April last, requested of him (the R. W. Grand Master being then at the City of Washington) that the Corner Stone might be laid in Ancient Masonic Form on the next Day. That He, the Deputy Grand Master, waving his right, had respectfully requested Bro^r. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master, to perform that Duty. That Bro^r. Smith had consented, and that the Stone had been laid in Ancient Form on the next Day. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge Approve of the proceedings, and that the Order of Procession be entered on the Minutes and published.

Ceremony of laying Corner Stone, Viz:

On Tuesday, the 28th April last, at 4 o'clock, P. M., the Officers of the Grand Lodge with several Brethren assembled at the Country seat of Bro^r. Samuel Richards, on the West side of Schuylkill, where the Procession was formed and moved down to Schuylkill and across the Old Bridge, to the spot where the Corner Stone was to be laid on the East side of Schuylkill, in the following manner, to wit:

1. The Model of the Bridge, carried by 6 Brethren.
2. The Grand Deacons with Wands.
3. The Golden Compasses, carried by an Operative Mason.
4. Grand Secretary carrying the Bag and Book of Constitutions and Grand Treasurer carrying his Staff.
5. The Square, Level and Plumb, carried by 3 Operative Masons.
6. The Grand Wardens bearing their Columns.
7. The Golden Cornucopiæ and Pitchers, containing Corn, Wine and Oil, carried by 3 Past Masters.

8. The Golden Mallet, carried by an Operative Mason.
9. Grand Sword Bearer with drawn Sword.
10. The R. W. Past Grand Master, Brother Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq$^{r.}$, in quality of Grand Master, with the Deputy Grand Master on his left.
11. A Past Master carrying (on a Crimson Velvet Cushion) a Plate of Copper with the following inscription:

This Bridge
Was founded and erected in the Year of Our Lord
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve,
under the superintendance of the following
Board of Managers, Viz:
Philip Wager, President.

Cadwallader Evans.	John Britton.
Martin Dubs.	Abraham Sheridan.
Samuel Breck.	Samuel Richards.

and
Lewis Wernwag, Architect.

And on the Reverse.

In the Name of the Almighty God.
In the 36th Year of American Independence
And of Masonry, 5812.
Jonathan Bayard Smith, R. W. P. Grand Master of Masons
attended by the
R. W. D. G. Master Peter Le Barbier Duplessis
And the Grand Officers.
The Honorable James Milnor being R. W. G. Master
of the
State of Pennsylvania,
And a Numerous Assemblage of Brethren,
Laid the First Stone of this
Bridge
On the 28th Day of April, Anno Domini 1812.
Which may God prosper.

12. Two Grand Deacons with Wands.
13. The Managers of the Bridge.
14. Brethren of different Lodges 2 and 2.
15. Citizens.

Near the place where the Stone was to be laid, a Chair was placed for the Grand Master with a Table in Front thereof.

The Procession having arrived at the spot, halted, opened to the Right and Left, and moved on from the Rear.

The Grand Masters and Officers took their places on the East, and the Managers of the Bridge on the West side of the spot.

The Cornucopiæ, Pitchers, Jewells, &c., were placed on the Table.

The Grand Master preceded by the Grand Officers then left his place and went to the Stone.

The Grand Secretary thereupon read the inscription on the Plate of Copper.

The Operative Masons then Assisted the G. M. to turn the Stone and lay it in its bed, the G. M. having placed the said Plate of Copper under the South East Corner thereof, and the Grand Treasurer having placed some Coins of the United States under it.

The Grand Master then placed himself on the East, and the G. Wardens on the West of the Stone.

The Square, Plumb, Level and Mallet were successively delivered to the Grand Master, who returned them after having applied the Square to the Corners, the Plumb to the Edges, and the Level to the Top of the Stone, and after having given the Stone Three Knocks with the Mallet, saying, "May the Grand Architect of the Universe grant a "blessing on this Corner Stone, which we have now laid, "and by his Providence enable us to finish this and every "other work which may be undertaken for the embellish-"ment and Advantage of this City." Whereupon, the Brethren expressed their Applause in Ancient Form.

The Cornucopiæ and Pitchers were handed to the Grand Master who returned them after having, according to Ancient Ceremony, poured out the Corn, Wine and Oil on the Stone, saying, "May the all bounteous Author of Nature "bless this City with an abundance of Corn, Wine and Oil, "and with all the necessaries, conveniences and Comforts "of life, and may the same Almighty power preserve this "City from ruin and Decay to the latest posterity."

The Grand Master afterwards addressed himself to the Brethren and Assembly in a speech suitable to the Occasion, when the Brethren again express'd their Applause as before.

The Procession then returned in the same Order to the House of Abraham Sheridan on the West side of Schuylkill, where they were politely entertained and refreshed by the Managers in Company with a Number of Citizens.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master Communicated that he had Installed Bro^r. Joseph P. Minnick, W. M. of Lodge N°. 25, held at Bristol, and that the said Lodge had been again duly Organized.

The Grand Secretary presented a Deed, duly Executed from Doct^r. Samuel F. Conover to Bro^r. Jonathan Bayard Smith and others In Trust for this Grand Lodge for 7 Lots of Ground in the City of Germany, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, presented to the Grand Lodge by Doct^r. Conover, as per Resolution, respecting the same of the 2nd September last.

A Letter from the R. W. Grand Master, enclosing the resignation of Bro^r. Andrew M. Prevost of the Office of Grand Marshal was read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That since the last Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$150.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, ...	35.49
For 1 Ahiman Rezon, ...	.67
Total, ...	$186.16

Which was Ordered to be Entered on the Minutes.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 27th December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, of 25th January last, containing information concerning Expulsions, the Suspension of Lodge N°. 793 for Two Years, and concerning Certificates which are not legal, was read. Whereupon, Resolved, That the Grand Secretary make Extracts of the same, to wit: Said Expulsions, Suspensions and illegal Cer-

tificates to be printed and transmitted to the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, and that the said Communication be placed among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, of 30th March last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of 27th December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, of 2nd April last, was read and Order'd to be placed among the Archives, &c.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancient York Masons, of 16th May last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, of the 11th January last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Petition from the Knight Templars Encampment, No. 1, was read praying that the Third Friday Evening may be allotted for their Meetings, instead of the Third Saturday Evening, which was granted.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge No. 3, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Rejection of A—— McC——, a Candidate for Initiation.

Lodge No. 5, held at Cantwell's Bridge. Election Return of December last, returning Bro. John Springer, W. M.; Bro. Thomas Belvill, S. W.; Bro. Levi Hughes, J. W.; Bro. John Moody, Secretary; Bro. Alexander Briscoe, Treasurer. Return of Members, Containing the rejections of A—— A. W—— and J—— B——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 51, held at Philadelphia. A Letter from said Lodge Communicating that by an Error in their last Return of Members the following Brethren appear as *Suspended* instead of having *Withdrawn*, and requesting that the necessary Alteration may be made, Viz: John N. Dolz, John

McGregor, Alexr. H. Durdin, Thomas R. Peters, George Dobson, James Tatham, Miers Fisher, junr., Charles Tileman, Charles P. Heath, Charles R. Travers, Charles Harford, William Twaits, William Lake.

Lodge No. 70, held at Tioga Point, Luzerne County. A petition from said Lodge stating that they had purchased the Second Story of an Academy lately erected at that place and had been at the expence of finishing and preparing it for their use, and praying the Grand Lodge to exonerate them from the payment of their Grand Lodge Dues for the Term of 5 Years, towards enabling them to pay their Debts contracted on Account of said Building. Which was referr'd to Brors. Thomas Bradford, junr., Saml. Lippincott, T. and Richard Bache to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 71, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members to December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. Bye Laws of said Lodge, which were referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming Co. Election Return of December last, returning Bro. John Cummings, W. M.; Bro. William Brindle, S. W.; Bro. James McClintock, J. W.; Bro. Mordecai Heylman, Secretary; Bro. Joseph I. Wallis, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the rejection of A—— H——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 116, held at Elizabeth Town, Lancaster Co. Election Return of December last, returning Bro. William Heller, W. M.; Bro. George Wolfley, S. W.; Bro. John Alford, J. W.; Bro. Israel Kurtz, Secretary; Bro. Jacob Wolfley, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. Alterations in the Bye Laws of said Lodge which were referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 123, held at York Town. Election Return of December last, returning Bro. George Haller, W. M.; Bro. Abner Thomas, S. W.; Bro. Benjamin Hersh, J. W.; Bro. George Caruthers, Secretary; Bro. Andrew Johnson, Treasurer. Return of Members.

Lodge N°. 127, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. Bye Laws of said Lodge, which were referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 129, held at New Orleans. Return of said Lodge having been duly Constituted on the 20th October last. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. John Pinard, W. M.; Bro^r. Charles Roche, S. W.; Bro^r. Stephen Bertel, J. W.; Bro^r. J. B. Modeste Le Febvre, Secretary; Bro^r. John Anthony Demarchi, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

The Letter from Lodge N°. 84, held at Somerset, dated the 1st January last, informing of the bad Conduct of a certain W—— O—— F—— who applied to Visit said Lodge but was refused, which was read on the 2nd March last, was again read, and On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That said Lodge N°. 84, be Authorized to investigate the Masonic Conduct of the said W—— O—— F—— and make Report to this Grand Lodge.

The Committee appointed on the 2nd March last, on the Appeal of Bro^r. William Meguire from a decision of Lodge N°. 2, made Report, which was read and Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Testimony taken by the Committee was Ordered to be deposited with the Grand Secretary.

A Resolution passed by the Hall Committee against the Smoking of Segars in the Hall was Ordered to lay over for Consideration until the next Quarterly Communication.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That no Claim exists against the Grand Secretary for Non payment for the Warrant of Lodge N°. 123, and the Dispensation for Constituting the said Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Half past 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

St. John the Baptist's Day, Philadelphia, Wednesday, 24th June, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" William Wray, Senior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
" John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Walter Kerr, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 91, 92, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 118, 125, 128 and 131 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Due Form, (the R. W. Deputy Grand Master being in the Chair,) at Half past 10 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master informed the Brethren that Our late much respected Bro^r. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master, had departed this Life on Tuesday the 16th Instant, and that at the request of his Family, his remains had been interr'd on Thursday the 18th Instant, at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon, in the Grave Yard of the Second Presbyterian Congregation in this City in Masonic Form, by the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges in the City. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Order of Procession of said Funeral be Entered on the Minutes and Published, and that the Expenses attending the Procession be paid out of the Treasury of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Jewells of the Grand Lodge be put in Mourning for the Space of Six Months.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to the Gentlemen composing the Volunteer Bands of Music for their disinterested services in attending the Funeral Procession aforesaid.

Order of the Funeral Procession of Bro^r. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., R. W. P. G. M.

The Brethren, in Number about 600, assembled at the New Hall of the Grand Lodge in Chestnut Street, on Thursday the 18th of June last, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and formed in Procession which moved from the Hall a little before 10 o'clock, along Chestnut to Sixth Street, along Sixth to Spruce Street, along Spruce to Fifth Street, and along Fifth Street to the late Dwelling of the Deceased near Prune Street, by Lodges according to Juniority, in the following Order, to wit:

Industry Lodge N°. 131, in the following Order, Viz:

Masters of Ceremonies with drawn Swords, Hilts in Mourning.
Enter'd Apprentices, 2 and 2.
Fellow Crafts, 2 and 2.
Master Masons, 2 and 2.
Past Masters, 2 and 2.
Deacons with their Wands, Blue Tipt with White, the Tops in Mourning.
Secretary with Scroll, and Treasurer.
Wardens of the Lodge, bearing their Columns.
Master of the Lodge, carrying his Mallet.

On the Flank of the Lodge, a Brother acting as Marshal of his own Lodge in the Procession, bearing a Blue Wand, Tipt with Silver, the Top in Mourning.

Phoenix Lodge, N°. 130, in the same Order.
Temple Lodge, N°. 128, in the same Order.
Philanthropy Lodge, N°. 127, in the same Order.
Rising Star Lodge, N°. 126, in the same Order.
Herman's Lodge, N°. 125, in the same Order.
St. John's Lodge, N°. 115, in the same Order.
Solomon's Lodge, N°. 114, in the same Order.
Columbia Lodge, N°. 91, in the same Order.
Lodge L'Amenite, N°. 73, in the same Order.

Philadelphia Lodge, N°. 72, in the same Order.
A Band of Music, Instruments in Mourning.
Orange Lodge, N°. 71, in the same Order.
Concordia Lodge, N°. 67, in the same Order.
Washington Lodge, N°. 59, in the same Order.
Harmony Lodge, N°. 52, in the same Order.
Lodge N°. 51, in the same Order.
Lodge N°. 19, in the same Order.
Lodge N°. 9, in the same Order.
Lodge N°. 3, in the same Order.
Lodge N°. 2, in the same Order.
Band of Music, Instruments in Mourning.
Grand Lodge in the following Order, to wit:
Grand Tyler with drawn Sword, Hilt in Mourning.
Committee of Arrangement.
Twelve Past Masters, 2 and 2, bearing White Wands, the Tops in Mourning.
Carriers and Pall Bearers, among whom were the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, 2 and 2.
Three Lights Extinguished, borne by 3 Past Masters.
Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, borne by a Past Master and Supported by 2 Past Masters, (in Mourning).
Grand Chaplain.
Grand Secretary with the Scroll, and Grand Treasurer carrying his Staff.
Grand Wardens, bearing their Columns.
Grand Sword Bearer, carrying the Sword of State, Hilt in Mourning, and a Past Master carrying the Golden Mallet.
Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.
Four Deacons of the Grand Lodge, bearing Wands, Silvered and Tipt with Gold, the Tops in Mourning.
Grand Pursuivant with drawn Sword, Hilt in Mourning.
Grand Marshal on the Flank with drawn Sword, Hilt in Mourning.

The Procession having arrived at the late Dwelling of the Deceased Halted, the Carriers and Pall Bearers left their places in the Procession, and having taken up the Corpse, with the Apron, Jewells, &c., of the Deceased, and Cross

Swords placed on the Coffin, fell in after the Reverend Clergy in the rear of the Grand Lodge. The Procession then moved on along Fifth to Walnut Street, along Walnut to Fourth Street, along Fourth to Arch Street, and along Arch Street to the Grave Yard. The Front of the Procession having reached the place of interment, the whole of the Procession halted, faced inwards and opened their Ranks. The Corpse and Mourners, followed by the Grand Lodge, moved forward through the Ranks, the Brethren uncovered as the Grand Lodge passed them, and closing their Ranks from the Rear, followed the Grand Lodge into the Grave Yard and formed a Circle round the Grave. An Address was then delivered by the Rev$^{d.}$ Doct$^{r.}$ Green, after which the Masonic Funeral service was performed by the Rev$^{d.}$ Brother Richards, Grand Chaplain, and the Masonic Honours, &c., &c., given by the Brethren. The Funeral being over, the Procession returned in the same Order to the New Hall.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of 27th December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It communicated the Expulsion of J—— P——, from Annapolis Royal Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 25.

The W. Master of Temple Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 128, held in this City, stated that said Lodge had omitted going into an Election for Officers at their last Stated Meeting, that the Lodge was now met in the Adjoining or Extra Room, and requested that leave might be granted them for holding an Election forthwith. Which request was granted.

The Lodges being called upon for their Returns, &c., were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro$^{r.}$ George A. Baker, jun$^{r.,}$ W. M.; Bro$^{r.}$ Edward M. Carr, S. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Edward Shelmerdine, J. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ David Nielson, Secretary; Bro$^{r.}$ Joseph Burden, Treasurer.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 9, held at Philadelphia. Bro$^{r.}$ Andrew Scott, W. M.; Bro$^{r.}$ Robert McCarren, S. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Patrick McGuigan, J. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ John McArthur, Secretary; Bro$^{r.}$ Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Hill, W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph McKoy, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Mayland, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Passy, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Mercer, Treasurer. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 69, held at Chester. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph T. John, W. M.; Bro^r. William Baker, S. W.; Bro^r. Job H. Terril, J. W.; Bro^r. William Moore, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Engle, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Bozorth, W. M.; Bro^r. Henry Bolton, S. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Bozorth, J. W.; Bro^r. William Adams, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Brobston, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Stinger, W. M.; Bro^r. John Shreyer, S. W.; Bro^r. John C. Lindenmuth, J. W.; Bro^r. Robert Johnson, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Pierre Thouron, W. M.; Bro^r. A. Auriol, S. W.; Bro^r. J. Chauveau, J. W.; Bro^r. J. B. Orso, Secretary; Bro^r. N. Thouron, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 102, held at Frankford. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Henry Comly, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas H. Norton, S. W.; Bro^r. John Livensetter, J. W.; Bro^r. George C. Troutman, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Whitaker, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster Co. Election Return of June, 1811, returning Bro^r. Thomas Crawford, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Nathaniel F. Lightner, S. W.; Bro^r. Dennis McMakin, J. W.; Bro^r. Nathaniel Watson, Secretary; Bro^r. Joel Lightner, Treasurer. Election Return of December last, ret^g. Bro^r. Nathaniel F. Lightner, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Dennis McMakin, S. W.; Bro^r. Diller Baker, J. W.; Bro^r. Nathaniel W. Sample, Secretary; Bro^r. Joel Lightner, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Kissick, W. M.; Bro^r. Florence Cotter,

S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Harper, J. W.; Bro^r. Hugh McAlonon, Secretary; Bro^r. Patrick Boyle, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Rejection of I—— P. W——, and Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to December last.

Lodge N°. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Allibone, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Samuel Jackson, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas P. Roberts, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Keemle, Secretary; Bro^r. John Baynton, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Benjamin B. Howell, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Joseph K. Potts, S. W.; Bro^r. Isaac Clever, J. W.; Bro^r. Henry Toland, jun^r., Secretary; Bro^r. William I. Baker, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 122, held at New Orleans. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Humphrey Atherton, W. M^r.; Bro^r. T. I. Matthews, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Durborrow, J. W.; Bro^r. John C. Richardson, Secretary; Bro^r. Michael H. Anthony, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 127, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Expulsion of G—— H——.

Lodge N°. 129, held at New Orleans. A Commission Executed in Due Form, appointing Bro^r. Louis Houard their Proxy to represent them in this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, Bro^r. Houard was duly recognized as Proxy of said Lodge N°. 129.

Lodge N°. 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Cornelius Stevenson, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Carpenter, S. W.; Bro^r. John Shaw, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Lake, Secretary; Bro^r. Frederick Erringer, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 132, held in Brandywine Township, Chester County. Return to the Dispensation for Constituting the said Lodge, whereby it appears that the same was duly Constituted on the 21st January last. Return of Members. Bye Laws of said Lodge, which were referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

A Petition was read from divers Ancient York Master Masons, all lately Members of Lodge N°. 19, held at Philadel-

phia, praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in the said City of Philadelphia, under the Name of "Franklin Lodge," and that Bro^r Richard Bache might be Named W. Master; B^r. John Monell, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. John W. Shaw, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in Due Form and recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge. It was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 134.

After a short space of Time, Bro^r. Grand Secretary presented a Warrant duly executed and completed conformably to the foregoing Resolution. Whereupon, the said Warrant was read and the W. Master and Wardens Named in the same, and the other Officers Elect, were duly Installed into their respective Offices, and the said Lodge fully Constituted in Ancient and Solemn Form by the Name of "Franklin Lodge" N°. 134, and the Third Saturday in every Month was allotted to the said Lodge for holding their Stated Meetings in the large Room.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 12 o'clock at Noon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th September, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" John Darragh, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Bro^r. Joseph Barnes, Esqr., Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John Paul Schott, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" Thomas Astley, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George W. Bartram, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 84, 91, 103, 105, 108, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at Half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Bro^r. William H. Fitzwhylsonn, Esqr., was Announced and received as a Visitor.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Grand General Communications were read.

The Committee appointed on the Appeal of Bro^r. John H. Chaplin who was Expell'd by Lodge N°. 45, held at Pittsburgh, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom was referr'd the Appeal of Bro^r. "John H. Chaplin from the Decision of Lodge N°. 45, under "the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, held at Pittsburgh, "which Decision took place on the 25th December 1811, Re-"spectfully Report.

"That they have attentively examined the Documents re-"ferr'd to them and have heard the Appellant in the presence "of their respected Brother, the late Jonathan B. Smith, "Esquire, the Proxy of N°. 45. From these Papers and the "Statement made it appears that on the 6th of November, "1811, at an Extra Lodge a Committee was Appointed to "enquire into the Truth of a Report then in Circulation in-"jurious to the Character of Brother Chaplin as a Man and a "Mason; that this Committee made Report on the 27th of the "same Month in which they state their Opinion that Bro^r. "Chaplin had violated the Honour and Dignity of a Man and "a Mason and should be dealt with accordingly, that at the "next stated Meeting held 25th December, 1811, the Report "was Unanimously Adopted and the Lodge proceeded to de-

"termine by Vote what Degree of punishment should be in-
"flicted on Bro^r. Chaplin, when on Counting the Votes it
"appeared that there were Twelve for Expulsion, Eleven for
"Reprimand, and Four for Suspension, whereupon the Lodge
"decided that John H. Chaplin was Expelled from the Rights
"of Masonry in that Lodge. The Committee have not deemed
"it necessary to enquire into the Merits of the Charge against
"Bro^r. Chaplin, or to detail more of the proceedings of the
"Lodge in their Report, deeming the Expulsion as irregular
"and unconstitutional, there not having been a Majority of
"the Votes of the Members present in favor of Expulsion. It
"appears by the Extracts of the Minutes of that Lodge that
"the whole number of Members present was Twenty Seven,
"of which Twelve only Voted for Expulsion, and One of
"these at the next Meeting declared, (in an Affidavit taken
"before One of the Justices of the Peace of the County of
"Alleghany and read in the Lodge,) it was a mistake of his in
"Voting for Expulsion, owing to the manner in which the
"Question was put, and it was his intention to have Voted
"for a reprimand only. Your Committee can readily Con-
"ceive that a Mistake of this kind might be committed when
"Three distinct Questions were before the Lodge at One and
"the same Time, and they think it their Duty to Notice the
"proceedings of the Lodge in this particular, as irregular.
"One Question at a Time should have been put, and on the
"result of that, the propriety of putting another would de-
"pend.

"Your Committee therefore offer for the Consideration of
"the R. W. Grand Lodge the following Resolution: Re-
"solved, that in the Opinion of this Grand Lodge the Expul-
"sion of Bro. John H. Chaplin by Lodge N°. 45, was irregular
"and unconstitutional, and that he be and hereby is restored
"to the rights and Privileges of a Member of Lodge N°. 45,
"held at Pittsburgh.

(Sign'd) "THOMAS AMIES.
"WILLIAM WRAY.
"THOMAS BRADFORD, jun^r."

Which Report and Resolution were Adopted.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of Lodge N°. 70, held at Tioga Point, Luzerne County, made Report, which was read and is as follows:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Penn^a.:

"The Committee appointed on the Petition of Lodge N°. 70, "stating that they had heretofore laboured under incon- "veniences for want of a proper room to Assemble in, and "had purchased the Second Story of an Academy lately "erected at Tioga Point, and been to the expence of finishing "and preparing it for Masonic Assemblies, by which means "they had incurr'd a considerable Debt, and praying that as "a relief in some measure the Grand Lodge would exonerate "them from their usual Dues for the Term of Five Years, "Respectfully Report.

"That they have taken into their serious Consideration the "Application of the Petitioners and should feel highly grati- "fied, were it in their power consistent with the present situa- "tion of the Grand Lodge, to report in their favour. While "they duly appreciate the Conduct of the Brethren in pro- "curing a suitable place for their Meetings, and consider "them entitled to the particular attention of the Grand Lodge, "they regret that the Grand Lodge cannot comply with their "request. The Grand Lodge have themselves lately erected "in this City a suitable Building for their own Meetings, to "defray the expences of which, independent of the contribu- "tions of individual Members and of different Lodges held in "the City, they have been under the necessity of borrowing a "large sum of Money, for the Repayment of which and the "Interest, they have pledged the Revenues of the Grand "Lodge.

"Your Committee therefore Report that the Grand Lodge "cannot grant the prayer of the Petitioners, and at the same "Time confidently trust that the Brethren of Lodge N°. 70, "will not complain that they have to encounter the same dif- "ficulties as the Grand Lodge themselves, arising from their "respective exertions for the benefit of the Craft in general, "and for their several accommodations. Your Committee

"offer the following Resolution: Resolved, that it is inexpedi-
"ent to grant the request of Lodge N°. 70, aforesaid.

(Sign'd) "THOMAS BRADFORD, jun^r.
"SAMUEL LIPPINCOTT, T."

Which Report and Resolution were Adopted.

The Committee appointed on certain charges made by Lodge N°. 21, against Bro^r. James Ph. De Puglia made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee appointed to enquire into and investigate
"an alledged transaction of and a complaint against Bro^r. Ja^s.
"Ph. Puglia, beg leave to submit the following Report:

"That your Committee have carefully and fully examined
"all the Documents and Vouchers relative to this Affair
"which were in the possession of the Grand Secretary, and
"also some Additional ones received from Lodge N°. 21, and
"from Bro^r. Puglia. That after a patient investigation of the
"facts, they find the charges against Bro^r. Puglia to have
"originated from misconception on the part of the Complain-
"ants, and that these charges *are* and *remain* in the Opinion
"of Your Committee *unsupported.*

(Sign'd) "JOSEPH BURDEN.
"THOMAS BRADFORD, jun^r.
"SAMUEL BADGER.
"WILLIAM WRAY."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee appointed to enquire respecting Masonic Meetings held in this City in places other than the Hall, &c., made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"The Committee appointed to enquire and Report whether
"any Masons belonging to Lodges under the Jurisdiction of
"this Grand Lodge, Lodge L'Amenite excepted, have at-
"tended Meetings in this City in places other than the
"Masonic Hall, where, when and by whom they are so held,
"respectfully Report, That previous to the Adoption of the
"Resolution under which the Committee now act, a Number
"of Brethren belonging to different Lodges in this City were

"in the habit of attending a Mark Lodge held in Apple Tree "Alley, between 4th and 5th Street, and Arch Street and "Cherry Alley, which Lodge professed to work under a War-"rant or Dispensation issued by Ezra Ames, styling himself "General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Royal Arch "Chapter of the United States of America, dated at Albany "in the State of New York, December 19, A. D. 1811. A "Copy of the Warrant accompanys this Report to which we "refer. This Lodge professed to give the Mark in a different "manner from the Lodges in this City, and declared it to be "a Degree beyond that of Master Mason, and as preparatory "to an exaltation to the Holy Royal Arch. This it is pre-"sumed induced many of our Brethren, who were desirous of "obtaining Masonic knowledge, and who did not probably "advert to the impropriety of sanctioning proceedings which "might tend to destroy the respectability and Order of the "Masonic system as established in this City, to apply for In-"itiation and Admission into this Lodge. But as soon as "they understood that their Conduct was likely to be disap-"proved by their Brethren, and that by many it was deemed "illegal and contrary to the regulations and Constitution of "this Grand Lodge they withdrew, and to their Honour be it "mentioned have, as your Committee have been informed, "wholly abandoned the Lodge aforesaid; some few Brethren, "however, still adhere to this self styled Lodge, as your Com-"mittee have been informed, but your Committee trust that "they will promptly comply with the call of their parent "Grand Lodge, and tho' they may have erred, yet that their "good sense and Masonic Zeal will induce them to forsake "what is unlawful and adhere to their Masonic faith. Your "Committee therefore recommend in the first instance the fol-"lowing Resolution, Viz: Resolved, that this Grand Lodge "disapprove of any Meetings of Masons in this City under "Warrants from other Jurisdictions, and have never Acknowl-"edged any such Authority as the Grand Royal Arch Chapter "of the United States of America. They therefore recommend "and enjoin the Members of the subordinate Lodges under

"their Jurisdiction, to abstain from and avoid all such Meet-
"ings.

(Sign'd) "THOMAS BRADFORD, jun^r.
"THOMAS AMIES.
"WILLIAM WRAY.
"ROBERT DE SILVER."

Which Report and Resolution were Adopted, and, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the said Report and Resolution be communicated to all the Subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary communicated that he had seen a Certificate dated 27th June last, Signed by John A. Rohr, (who was late a Member of Lodge N°. 72, held in this City,) styling himself "Master of Philadelphia Union Mark Lodge N°. 1, "Ancient York Masons, held in Philadelphia, North America," Certifying that he, the said John A. Rohr, Esquire, had been duly Exalted to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, And presented a Copy of the said Certificate, which was read.

The Grand Secretary presented a Spurious Certificate in the English and French Languages, Certifying that a certain John Robinson was Entered, Passed and Raised in Fortitude Lodge, N°. 84, held at Philadelphia, Dated Anno Lucis 5805, and Signed Duniels, W. M., Pat^k. Calely, Secretary, and having some other Signatures. The Grand Secretary stated that he had detained the same from the said John Robinson, who had informed him that he had lately, (in 1812,) obtained said Certificate in this City from Patrick Calely, and had paid him $8 for it, believing it to be a good One. That said Calely had been Secretary of Lodge N°. 84, in New York, when he, the said Robinson was made in said Lodge, but had about a Year ago removed to this City, and now kept School in Watkin's Alley. The Grand Secretary further stated that the said Robinson had a Certificate from the Grand Lodge of New York, which was genuine.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That since the last Grand Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$105.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, ...	46.41
For Books of Ahiman Rezon, ...	2.67
Of Lodge No. 134, for Warrant, . . .	79.
Of Lodge No. 43, Dues, ...	39.83
Of Lodge No. 62, Dues, ...	51.06
Total	$323.97

Which was Ordered to be Entered on the Minutes.

A Petition was read from Lodge No. 128, held in this City, stating the inconvenience they labour under by reason of their Stated Meetings being on Saturday Evenings, and praying for an Alteration of their Nights of Meeting. On Motion, the same was referr'd to the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, to examine and Report thereon.

A Petition was read from a certain George McKnight, Administrator, &c., of Robert Mitten, deceas'd, respecting a Debt due from said Deceased to Bro^r. Joseph Brobston, and an Apron, Sash and Watch of the said Deceas'd in the Hands of Bro^r. Brobston. Order'd that he have leave to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition was read from a certain Zephania Huntington, stating that he is a Member of Lodge No. 34, held at Norwich, Connecticut, that he is in Distress, and praying for Relief. Ordered, that he have leave to withdraw his Petition.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 4th March last, was read and Order'd to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Delaware, dated New Castle, 18th July last, was read and Ordered to be entered on the Minutes, and is as follows, to wit:

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"By Order of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Delaware, I "now transmit to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a. a Copy "of the Report of the Committee relative to the Adjustment "of the difference heretofore subsisting between those Two "Lodges, as the same was adopted at our last Grand Com-

"munication. It may be necessary to inform you, that it was "with some difficulty we effected the adoption of our Report, "in consequence of your Committee having incorporated in "their Report several expressions which were not set forth in "our written proposals to them made on the 19th of October "last.

"As the Committee appointed for the amendment of our "Rules and Regulations have not yet Reported progress, I "am not enabled to transmit the same at present, a Copy "whereof when completed, together with the Warrants granted "to the late Lodges, No. 14, 33 and 96, and also an Account "of their Dues when ascertained, shall be forwarded to Your "Grand Lodge hereafter.

"The following are the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Dela-"ware for the present Year.

"Bro^r. Edward Roche, M. W. Grand Master.
" Thomas Stockton, R. W. D. Grand Master.
" Cæsar A. Rodney, S. G. Warden.
" James Harper, J. G. Warden.
" Evan Thomas, Grand Secretary.
" James Couper, Jr., G. Treasurer.
"Rev^d. William Pryce, G. Chaplain.
"Bro^r. Thomas Anderson, G. Marshal.
" David Robinett, G. Tyler.

"We anticipate a continuance of Friendly Communications "from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and hope ere long "to have it in our power to reciprocate their good Offices, and "with fervent wishes for the prosperity of the Grand Lodge "of Pennsylvania and the Advancement of the Craft gen-"erally, I remain.

"Your Friend and Brother,

(Sign'd) "EVAN THOMAS, G. Sec^y.

(Address'd)

"Geo. A. Baker, G. S. of G. L. of Penns^a."

(Report inclosed in the above as follows)

"In Grand Lodge of Delaware. Grand Communication "held at Wilmington, St. John's Day, June 24th, A. L. "5812.

"On Motion Seconded, the Report of the Committee here-
"tofore appointed relative to the Adjustment of the difference
"with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was called up and
"read, and is in the following words, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Delaware
"and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging: The Com-
"mittee appointed on the 24th of June last, to effect an
"Amicable adjustment of the misunderstanding or difference
"subsisting between this and the R. W. Grand Lodge of
"Pennsylvania, beg leave to report. That in compliance with
"their Appointment, they did on the 28th Day of August last,
"address the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand
"Lodge of Pennsylvania on the subject, expressive of their
"wishes for an amicable adjustment of the subsisting differ-
"ence. And that they hold themselves in readiness to meet
"the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or such Deputation
"thereof as might be thought advisable for the purpose of
"executing the Duties imposed on them as a Committee afore-
"said. That in consequence of said Address a Committee of
"Five Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania were
"Appointed to confer with your Committee on the subject
"aforesaid. That sundry meetings with the Committee were
"had in Philadelphia and divers written Communications
"necessarily passed between them and your Committee, and
"among others, on the 19th of October last, certain proposals
"in writing were submitted by your Committee as follows:

"The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Dela-
"ware to confer with the Committee of the G. Lodge of Penn-
"sylvania on the subject of the difference subsisting between
"them, submit for their Consideration the following Acknowl-
"edgment:

"1st. That the Lodges No. 14, 33 and 96, formerly under
"the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and
"Lodge No. 31, formerly under the Jurisdiction of the Grand
"Lodge of Maryland, acted erroneously in not having settled
"their Dues and notified those Grand Lodges of their inten-
"tion of forming a Grand Lodge in Delaware.

"2nd. That so far as the Dues can be ascertained, the Com-

"mittee of the Grand Lodge of Delaware acknowledge the "intention of their delinquent Lodges to pay the said Dues up "to the Time when they withdrew from the Grand Lodge of "Pennsylvania.

"3rd. That so far as the Rules and Regulations of the Grand "Lodge of Delaware may be found to differ from Ancient "usage, the Committee are willing to have them corrected and "such parts expunged as may be deemed requisite to conform "them to the Ancient Land Marks.

(Sign'd) "EVAN THOMAS.
"THOMAS STOCKTON.
"and for JOHN CROW, JOHN
"SELLARS and JAMES SNOW.

"Which written proposals were received by the Committee "of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and said by them to "contain every acknowledgment which they required to en-"able them to form their intended report. Subsequently "however to wit: On the 3d Day of December last, your Com-"mittee was requested (in addition to the aforesaid proposals) "to return the Warrants formerly granted to Lodges No. 14, "33 and 96, as also the Jewells, Books, Papers, &c., of the "Lodge formerly held at Dover under their Jurisdiction. "Your Committee in reply, had no hesitation in saying that "the Warrants of No. 14, 33 and 96 formerly granted by the "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should be delivered up to "them, but conceiving themselves to have no controul over "the Appurtenances to the Lodge formerly held at Dover, it "having become extinct previous to the formation of the "Grand Lodge of Delaware, Your Committee could therefore "only express a willingness to investigate the matter at their "next Meeting and recommend the propriety of giving them "up. The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "having on the 16th of December last, made their Report, a "Copy thereof hath been transmitted to your Committee "which is in the following words, to wit:

"Your Committee beg leave to add, that they have received "sundry Returns, &c., formerly made to the Grand Lodge of

"Pennsylvania, by Lodges N°. 14, 33 and 96, with a request "that we will Adjust and Ascertain the Dues owing from the "said Lodges to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to the "Time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, "And are also in possession of written observations by the R. "W. Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania on the proposed "Alterations or Amendments of Our Rules and Regulations "heretofore adopted. All which are herewith submitted.

(Sign'd) "JOHN CROW. "THOS. STOCKTON. "EVAN THOMAS. } Majority of the Committee.

"Dover, Jany. 20, 5812."

"On Motion Seconded, Resolved, that the said Report be, "and the same is hereby adopted, and that the Grand Secre-"tary transmit a Copy thereof to the Grand Lodge of Penn-"sylvania.

"Extract from the Minutes.

(Sign'd) "EVAN THOMAS, G. Secy."

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland of May last, was read and Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It Communicated the Expulsion of B—— C——, from Amicable Lodge, N°. 25.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, of 21st November last, was read and Order'd to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N°. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas De Silver, W. M.; Bro^r. Nathan Bunker, S. W.; Bro^r. Elijah Griffith, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Wythe, Secretary; Bro^r. John Maull, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 9, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Suspension of J—— J—— and W—— A——, for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge N°. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Boyd Reilley, W. M.; Bro^r. John Alexander, S. W.; Bro^r. Israel I. Ashbridge, J. W.; Bro^r. John Hellings, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Tomkins, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of C—— C. C——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph S. Lewis, W. M.; Bro^r. Samuel Relf, S. W.; Bro^r. Candy Raguet, J. W.; Bro^r. Robert Milnor, Secretary; Bro^r. Peter Wager, Treasurer. A Communication of the restoration of Bro^r. John N. D'Arcy, who was heretofore erroneously returned as Expell'd for Non payment of Dues, during his absence from the United States.

Lodge No. 62, held at Reading. Election Return of December, 1809, returning Bro^r. John C. Baum, W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph Hiester, S. W.; Bro^r. Charles Kessler, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel D. Franks, Secretary; Bro^r. Frederick Heller, Treasurer. Election Return of December, 1810, returning Bro^r. John C. Baum, W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph Hiester, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Sneider, J. W.; Bro^r. Jasper Scull, Secretary; Bro^r. Frederick Heller, Treasurer. Election Return of December, 1811, returning Bro^r. John C. Baum, W. M.; Bro^r. John C. Neidly, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Sneider, J. W.; Bro^r. William Stahle, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Hiester, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of J—— S——, D—— W——, J—— K——, R—— A. F——, Esqr., L—— W——, Esqr., J—— K——, J—— L——, Esqr., H—— B——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Jonathan Johnson, W. M.; Bro^r. William Kneass, S. W.; Bro^r. James Fullen, J. W.; Bro^r. Charles Budd, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Lippincott, T., Treasurer.

Lodge No. 72, held at Philadelphia. Return of the Rejection of J—— H. V——.

Lodge No. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Alexander, W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph Wilson, S. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Castor, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Topham, Secretary; Bro^r. John Sinket, Treasurer. Communication of the Rejection of J—— W——.

Lodge No. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel Badger, W. M.; Bro^r. George W. Bartram,

S. W.; Bro^r. William Strickland, J. W.; Bro^r. Henry M. Prevost, Secretary; Bro^r. George E. Blake, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Irwin, W. M.; Bro^r. Thompson McKean, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Smith, J. W., Bro^r. John Roberts, Secretary; Bro^r. William McClelland, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 118, held at New Orleans. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John B. Pinta, W. M.; Bro^r. John B. G. Veron, S. W.; Bro^r. Nicholas C. Visinier, J. W.; Bro^r. John B. Faget, Secretary; Bro^r. Victor Amedee Boryeau, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Communication from Lodge N°. 118, dated 4th June last, on the Subject of establishing a Grand Lodge at New Orleans. Ordered to lie on the Table.

Lodge N°. 120, held at Tioga. Election Return of December last, ret^g. Bro^r. Eli Gitchell, W. M.; Bro^r. Daniel Lamb, S. W.; Bro^r. Levi Vail, J. W.; Bro^r. Dennis Hawes, Secretary; Bro^r. Timothy Ives, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Rejections of D—— L—— and U—— S——, Esqr. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge, which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Geisse, W. M.; Bro^r. Charles W. Westphall, S. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Busch, J. W.; Bro^r. Philip Geisse, Secretary; Bro^r. Henry Reisch, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Carter, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Peter Wolford, S. W.; Bro^r. William Forgrave, J. W.; Bro^r. Mayim S. Powell, Secretary; Bro^r. Daniel Saint, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. James Hamill, W. M.; Bro^r. John Hamill, S. W.; Bro^r. James Thompson, J. W.; Bro^r. Jon. Town, Secretary; Bro^r. Jeremiah Osbourn, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph Baines, Esqr., W. M.; Bro^r. Henry Horn, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph S. Riley, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel

Bussier, Esq$^{r.}$, Secretary; Bro$^{r.}$ Thomas Amies, Treasurer. A Communication from said Lodge, dated 10th April last, informing that they would not occupy the Extra Room after S$^{t.}$ John's Day then next.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 132, held in Chester County. Election Return, returning Bro$^{r.}$ John Bern, W. M.; Bro$^{r.}$ Anthony W. Vanleer, S. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ William Williamson, J. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ William McFarlan, Secretary; Bro$^{r.}$ Jacob Vance, Treasurer.

The Report of the Committee on the Appeal of Bro$^{r.}$ William Meguire read on the 1st June last, and Ordered to lie on the Table was taken up, and On Motion made and Seconded, it was re-committed to the same Committee and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master was added to the said Committee.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that from the circumstance of his public engagements at the City of Washington during the Approaching Winter it would be impracticable for him to go through a Course of Visitation to the Lodges in the City this Season.

The R. W. Grand Master in a short Address stated the loss of our late R. W. Past Grand Master Brother Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq$^{r.}$ Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master and Bro$^{rs.}$ Duplessis and Samuel F. Bradford be a Committee to frame a suitable Memorial in Honour of the Deceased, and that they Report the same to this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet on the First Monday in October next at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th October, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro$^{r.}$ JAMES MILNOR, Esq$^{r.}$, R. W. Grand Master.

" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq$^{r.}$, R. W. D. G. Master.

" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Bro^r. James Harper, jun^r., R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Bradford, Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Joseph Barnes, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" George E. Blake, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Richard Bache, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" John Paul Schott, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George W. Bartram, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 51, 52, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 91, 92, 103, 105, 108, 121, 126, 127, 128, 130, 134 and 118 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee appointed on the 7th September last, on the Petition of Lodge N°. 128, praying for a change of their stated Night of Meeting made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Ma-
"sonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee to whom was referr'd the Petition of the "Master and Wardens of Temple Lodge, N°. 128, beg leave to "Report,

"That they have considered the said Petition in presence "of the Worshipful Master of the said Lodge whom they had "requested to attend with their Book of Minutes. That by "examining the said Minutes, Your Committee find that there "is no mention made therein of any of the facts set forth in "the said Petition, consequently no Authority to the W. "Master and Wardens to present such Petition and to state "such facts. That your Committee are convinced that the "Master and Wardens of every particular Lodge, when in "Grand Lodge, have the privilege of giving their Opinions "and Votes in all general matters concerning the Craft, but it "is a regulation generally known, that the Majority of every "particular Lodge when congregated have the privilege of "giving instructions to their Master and Wardens before the

"meeting of the Grand Quarterly Communication, because "such Officers are their representatives, and are then supposed "to speak the sentiments of their Lodge, which cannot be the "Case when the Lodge, not being acquainted with the subject "of grievances, complaints, &c., the sense of the Brethren can "not be taken thereon, nor their sanction given to an Appli-"cation to the R. W. Grand Lodge. Your Committee, how-"ever, beg leave to state that Temple Lodge, N°. 128, have "since several Months laboured under very great disadvant-"ages with regard to their meetings, which it is impossible for "them to hold on the Days allotted to them, on which account "they have already made several Applications to the Grand "Lodge. Your Committee are informed that the 29th, 30th "and 31st Days of the Month are not appropriated to the use "of any Lodge, and that Lodge N°. 128 would be satisfied to "be accommodated for their Stated Meetings with the 29th "Day of Each Month, or any other of the Vacant Days. Your "Committee beg leave to propose the following resolution.

"Resolved, that Temple Lodge, N°. 128, shall hence forth "hold their stated Meetings in this Hall on the 29th Day of "each Month, except when the said Twenty Ninth Day shall "happen to be on Saturday or Sunday, in which Case the said "Meeting shall take place on the next Vacant Day."

"With regard to the charge contained in the aforesaid Peti-"tion against our worthy Brother, Thomas Entrikin, Your "Committee are happy in mentioning that having heard the "W. Master of Lodge N°. 128 and Bro^r. Grand Tyler on the "subject, no Evidence whatever was given that Bro^r. Entrikin "had in any wise ill treated the Lodge N°. 128, but on the "contrary, from what was said by Brother Hamill, himself and "Bro^r. Snyder, it appears evidently to Your Committee that "Bro^r. Thomas Entrikin has behaved himself conformably to "the Trust reposed in him, and to the Orders and regulations "of the Grand Lodge, and has discharged his Duty as a Mem-"ber of the Hall Committee with that Zeal and Attention that "might be expected from the most worthy Brother.

"P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Joseph Burden.

"Philad^a., October 5, 1812."

Which Report and Resolution were Adopted.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were read, to wit:

Lodge No. 3, held at Philadelphia. A Communication of 15th Ultimo, of their having given up their Extra Night of Meeting in the small Room.

Lodge No. 19, held at Philadelphia. A Communication informing that Bro^r. Henry Holdship, who was formerly Expelled by said Lodge has been fully re-instated therein.

Lodge No. 46, held at Ephrata, Lancaster County. A Petition from the W. Master and several Members was read setting forth that the late W. M^r. and a few Members had irregularly removed the Lodge from Ephrata to New Holland, about 7 or 8 Miles from Ephrata, and praying redress.

A Letter from Bro^r. John Hart, P. M. of said Lodge, in favour of said removal, was read. Whereupon, said Petition and Letter were referr'd to Bro^rs. Lippincott, Kittera and Cutbush to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 64, held at Greensburgh. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Michael P. Cassilley, W. M.; Bro^r. Griffith Clark, S. W.; Bro^r. James Reed, J. W.; Bro^r. John H. Wise, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Williams, Treasurer. Return of Members, Containing the Expulsion of S—— R——, jun^r., and of F—— C——, for 1 Year from 14 Jan^y., 1811. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 122, held at New Orleans. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Communication from said Lodge on the Subject of the establishment lately at New Orleans, of a Grand Lodge under the Name or style of "The Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Ancient York Masons." A Communication from the said "Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Ancient York Masons" was read and together with the said Communication from Lodge No. 122, referr'd to Bro^rs. Duplessis, Kerr, Thomas Bradford, jun^r., Barnes and Burden, to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 127, held at Philadelphia. A Communication informing of their relinquishment of their Night of Meeting in the Extra Room.

The Resolution passed by the Hall Committee respecting

the smoking of Segars in the Hall and which on the 1st of June last was Order'd to lay over for Consideration, was now taken into Consideration, and

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Smoking of Segars be prohibited in the Upper parts of the Hall, Except in the Refreshing Room.

The Communication made by the Grand Secretary on the 7th September last, respecting a Certificate issued by John A. Rohr and respecting a spurious Certificate issued by One Daniels and Patrick Calely to a certain John Robinson, were read. The Grand Secretary further Communicated that said John A. Rohr had published a certain Book respecting Masonry. Whereupon, Brors. George A. Baker, Thomas Bradford, junr., Richard Bache, George W. Bartram and Candy Raguet were appointed a Committee to examine and Report thereon.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M. to meet on the First Monday in November next at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2nd November, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bror. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.

" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
" William Wray, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Joseph Barnes, Esqr., Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John Paul Schott, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" George E. Blake, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" John O'Brien, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
" George A. Baker, junr., Depy. Grand Secretary, P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 77, 91, 92, 103, 105, 108, 114, 121, 127, 130 and 134 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form, (the R. W. Deputy Grand Master being in the Chair,) at 6 o'clock, P. M.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 3d June last, was read and Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It Communicated the Expulsion of Samuel Samuel from Lodge No. 294, Norwich, for having fraudulently obtained One Hundred Pounds from a Brother and having absconded to America.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge No. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Patrick Carson, W. M.; Bro. James Rabb, S. W.; Bro. Patrick Duff, J. W.; Bro. Bernard Conway, Secretary; Bro. Thomas McClean, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 60, held at Brownsville. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 114, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Expulsion of S—— W——, for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge No. 118, held at New Orleans. A Communication from said Lodge accompanied by their Warrant. Referr'd to Bros. Duplessis, Kerr, Thomas Bradford, Barnes and Burden, to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 128, held at Philadelphia. A Communication of the rejection of G—— S——, by Occupation a Carter. A Communication dated 29th Ultimo, informing of their having relinquished their Extra Night of Meeting in the small Room.

The Grand Secretary stated, That this Grand Lodge have a privilege of right to a Private Alley of 15 Feet in Width, leading from the rear of their Lot, whereon their New Hall is erected, Westward into Eighth Street, but that the said Privilege is Mutual with the Owners of the Lots to the Westward, through which the said Private Alley passes, which Owners have in return the privilege of the said Alley of 15 Feet in width, to be continued across the whole Breadth of the said

Lot of this Grand Lodge, on the North side thereof to the Easternmost Line of the same. He stated further, that as a public Street of 20 Feet wide has been laid out from Seventh to Eighth Street, along the North Line of the said Lot of this Grand Lodge, and of the said Lots to the Westward through which the said Private Alley passes, the said Private Alley is therefore no longer of any use to this Grand Lodge, nor to the Owners of the said Lots to the Westward, and that he had reason to believe that the said Owners of the said Lots to the Westward, were willing to have the said Private Alley Vacated. He therefore,

Moved, That the Trustees in whom the Legal Title to the said Lot of Ground whereon the New Hall of this Grand Lodge is erected, be Authorized, jointly with all the Owners of the Lots to the Westward through which the said Private Alley of 15 Feet in width passes, to execute such Legal Instrument or Instruments of Writing, as shall or may be deemed requisite and necessary to effectually Vacate for Ever, the aforesaid Fifteen Feet wide Alley, and every part thereof, from the Easternmost Line of the said Lot of this Grand Lodge into Eighth Street aforesaid. Which Motion having been Seconded, was Unanimously Adopted.

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge Adjourn, they Adjourn to the Third Monday in the present Month, and that the Grand Secretary do specially request all Committees who have not Reported to make their Reports at that Time.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 8 o'clock, P. M., to meet on the Third Monday in the present Month at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th November, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.

Bro^r. Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" James Harper, jun^r., Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Walter Kerr, Grand Sword Bearer.
" John Paul Schott, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 91, 92, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form, (the R. W. D. G. M. being in the Chair,) at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on a Communication from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and "Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

"The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referr'd a "Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont "of the 30th March, in the present Year, Beg leave to Re- "port:

"That they have examined the said Communication and "that it contains the proceedings of the said Grand Lodge for "the Years 5808, 5809, 5810 and 5811. The Grand Lodge "meet at Windsor and Vergennes alternately, on the Monday "preceding the Second Thursday in the Month of October "Annually, at which Time the Grand Officers are elected.

"They appoint a Grand Visitor to Visit all Lodges in the "State to teach them Masonic Lectures, &c., who receives "from the Grand Lodge $50, and $2 a Day for his services "and all necessary Expenses from the Lodges he Visits. The "State is divided into Ten Masonic Districts, for each of which "a District Deputy Grand Master is appointed by the Grand "Lodge.

"They Resolved in 1810, That no Brother shall be admitted

"to a seat in Grand Lodge, except he be a Member, without "special invitation of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master "or Grand Wardens.

"The Grand Visitor is Authorized in particular Cases to "suspend Lodges until the next Grand Communication.

"In 5811, The Grand Visitor Reported, That good Order "and Regularity prevail generally in the Lodges.

"The Committee think it their Duty to observe that in the "proceedings of the said Grand Lodge they do not find any "mention of opening the Grand Lodge at the Time of the "Meetings by Adjournment, nor of any Installation of the "Grand Officers elected in every Year.

"The said proceedings Mention the Names of the Grand "Officers, the Expulsions and Suspensions of Members.

Respectfully submitted by

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.

"Samuel F. Bradford."

"Philad^a., Novr. 16, 5812."

Which Report was Accepted.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on a Communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and a Communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancient York Masons, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Ma-
"sonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred "the Communications from the R. W. Grand Lodges of Ohio, "of January 11th, 1812, and of South Carolina, Ancient York "Masons, of May 16th, in the same Year, Beg leave to Re-"port:

"That they have examined the said Communications and "find that the Communication from the Grand Lodge of "Ohio contains the Election of R. W. Grand Master and "other Officers on the 6th of January, aforesaid, no notice of "Expulsions or Rejections, &c.

"The Grand Lodge have an Orator. They have adopted a "Seal like that of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with the "difference that the Common Gavel and the Trowell are sub-"stituted for the Level and Plumb.

"The Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges assume the "usual Badges of Mourning for Six Months as a Testimony "of Respect to the Memory of the late Bro^r. Joseph Hamilton "Daviess, late Grand Master of the State of Kentucky, who "fell Fighting gallantly in the Engagement on the Banks of "the Wabash.

"The R. W. Grand Master is empowered to appoint a "Proxy to represent the Grand Lodge in a Convention, (if any "should be,) to establish a Grand Lodge for the Union.

"It appears by the proceedings that the Grand Lodge met "on the 6th, 8th, 9th and 11th of January, and that the Grand "Lodge was opened on the 6th only and closed on the 11th after "all business was done. No mention of Installation of the R. "W. Grand Master or any Grand Officer Elect.

"A Representative from each Lodge to meet at Chillicothe, "for the purpose of adopting an uniform and correct course of "Lectures in the Third Degree, and also to consider of the "propriety of appointing a Grand Lecturer whose Duty shall "be to Visit the Lodges successively, at their Expence, to in-"struct them in the principles and Mysteries of the Masonic "Art.

"The Communication is accompanied by a Copy of an "Oration delivered at Zanesville on the Festival of St. John "the Evangelist, A. L. 5810, by the R. W. Grand Master, "Lewis Cass, Esquire. It is an excellent and instructive pro-"duction which does great Honour to the Genius, Knowledge "and Literary Talents of the Author.

"The Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of "South Carolina, Ancient York Masons, informing that they "have appointed an Inspector General to Visit all the Lodges "under their Jurisdiction, examine their Works, &c. The "Inspector General has power to appoint Deputies till De-"cember following, who are to Report to him. There is a "Resolution to expell all Grand Officers, Members of the "Grand Lodge and Private Lodges who may Visit or Com-"municate with the New Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and "the Lodges under their Jurisdiction.

"A Copy of the Deputation from the Inspector General ac-
"companies the Communication.

"Respectfully submitted by

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Samuel F. Bradford."

"Philad^a., Novr. 16, 1812."

Which Report was accepted.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on 2 Communications from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Ma-
"sonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred
"the Communications from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ken-
"tucky, of August, 5810 and 5812, beg leave to Report:

"That they have examined the said Communications and
"find that the said Grand Lodge did acknowledge the Grand
"Lodge of Ohio on the 30th Day of August, 5810. That they
"have appointed a Committee to Correspond with the R. W.
"G. Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, on the subject
"of the Dispute arisen between them, concerning the Consti-
"tuting Philanthropic Lodge, N°. 12, in the County of David-
"son, in the State of Tennessee, by the said Grand Lodge of
"Kentucky.

"That the said Grand Lodge have Resolved that One Dol-
"lar shall be required from every Brother who shall Visit the
"Grand Lodge.

"That on the 27th of August last, a Funeral Procession was
"had in Honour of their Deceased M. W. Grand Master,
"Joseph Hamilton Daviess. That a Funeral Sermon was de-
"livered by the Rev^d. D^r. Cloud, and the Funeral service was
"performed at the place of interment.

"That the Communications contain the List of the Grand
"Officers elected August 28th, also of Rejections and Expul-
"sions, also the Returns of the Officers and Members of all the
"Lodges under their Jurisdiction.

"That their Annual Grand Communication is held on the
"last Wednesday of August, Yearly.

"That amongst the proceedings of the last Grand Communi-
"cation, Your Committee find the following Resolution: Re-
"solved, that this Grand Lodge are now from information to
"them produced, sensible that they have encroached upon the
"Masonic Geographic limits of the M. W. G. Lodge of North
"Carolina and Tennessee; That they are willing to make
"such Atonement as in their power by revoking the Charter
"granted to Philanthropic Lodge, N°. 12. But as it must
"necessarily require some Time for the said Lodge to close
"their Accounts, the M. W. G. Master is requested to corre-
"spond with the said Grand Lodge, and endeavour to obtain
"from them permission to work until the 24th Day of June
"next, after which Day this Grand Lodge declare the said
"Charter to be revoked."

"Respectfully submitted by
(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Samuel F. Bradford."

"Philada., Novr. 16, 5812."

Which Report was accepted.

The Committee on the Appeal of Bror. William Meguire made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic
"Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee to whom was referr'd the Appeal of Bror.
"William Meguire from the Decision of Lodge N°. 2, Re-
"spectfully Report,

"That they have carefully attended to the Duties assigned
"them, and they submit the result of a very laborious exami-
"nation of Witnesses and Documents. As all the Papers and
"Examinations accompany this Report, they deem it unneces-
"sary to detail Minutely to Your R. W. G. Lodge all the
"Grounds of Dispute between these Parties. It will suffice
"that Your Committee should state, That from the solicita-
"tions and representations of Bror. Meguire, Bror. Douglass
"was induced to accept Orders for Furniture to the Amount
"of 522 Dollars, by which Acceptances he made himself re-
"sponsible to Bartlet and Gilbert, in whose favour the Orders
"were drawn. It also appears sufficiently certain to Your

"Committee, that these Orders thus Accepted were applied to "the payment of the Debts of Brother Meguire; but certainly "to the payment of those for which he with the late Bro^r. "Norman Burroughs were jointly bound. Your Committee "would add, that the representations made by Bro^r. Meguire "of the solvency of Bro^r. Burroughs, appear to have been en-"tirely mistaken, and they wish the Testimony before them "was not so strong for suspecting that the Bro^r. might have "known his real situation. Your Committee have no hesita-"tion in thinking that so much of the proceedings of Lodge "N°. 2, as require that Bro^r. Meguire should exonerate Bro^r. "Douglass from the payment of the above Orders, Amounting "to 522 Dollars, be confirmed. With regard to the refunding "of 428 Dollars mentioned in the proceedings of Lodge N°. 2, "the Committee do not think this should meet with the Con-"firmation of Your R. W. G. L., But that the parties should "be left to their legal rights, unprejudiced by the Decision of "Your R. W. G. Lodge.

"They therefore respectfully recommend the following Resc-"lution, Viz:

"Resolved, That only so much of the proceedings of Lodge "N°. 2 as requires the Exonerating of Bro^r. Douglass from the "payment of $522, be confirmed.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Walter Kerr.
"Thomas Kittera.
"George E. Blake.
"Thomas Amies.
"James Harper, jun^r."

"Philadelphia, 14th Nov^r., 1812, A. L. 5812."

Which Report was accepted and Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on the subject of the removal of Lodge N°. 46, from Ephrata to New Holland made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic "Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

"The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of

"George Kintzel and others relative to the removal of Ephrata "Lodge, N°. 46, Respectfully Report.

"That from an examination of the Papers submitted to "them, the removal of Ephrata Lodge appears to have been "the result of a Motion brought fairly before the Lodge, and "decided by a Majority of which the then W. M. was One.

"The Error from which this Application arises, is the be-"lief of the Brethren that the Consent of the Master Elect, "who was Installed on the 26th of May and before the Motion "for removal was decided upon, should have been given to it; "they seem to have been ignorant that the powers and Duties "of the Installed Brother did not commence until the June "following, and that upon the Evening referred to he had no "privileges beyond any other Member.

"The Applicants are also mistaken in stating that a place "7 or 8 Miles Distant is without their Warrant.

"While the Committee are willing to consider this Applica-"tion to the Grand Lodge as arising from ignorance of Con-"stitutional regulations which the Brethren ought to have "known; they consider the language of the Petition, such as "is not expected from Brotherly kindness and regard for each "other; nor the Facts set forth with that Candor, which an "only view to the Interests of the Craft require.

"The fitness or otherwise of the place is so much a matter "within the Discretion of the subordinate Lodge, that your "Committee do not feel disposed to enquire or Report, whether "its present place of Meeting is or is not preferable to the "former. But as a Majority of the Lodge have decided upon "the removal, it reasonably may be concluded that it is most "proper. From this View of the Subject, Your Committee "beg leave to submit the following Resolution.

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge Confirm the Removal "of Ephrata Lodge N°. 46, to New Holland.

(Sign'd) "SAMUEL LIPPINCOTT, T.
"THOMAS KITTERA.
"JAMES CUTBUSH. } Committee."

Which Report was Accepted and Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 127, held at Philadelphia, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and "Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee on Bye Laws, Report,

"That they have attentively considered the Bye Laws of "Philanthropy Lodge, N°. 127, submitted to them, which they "approve of, subject to the following Amendments, to wit:

"Article 7th. After the words '*Viva voce*' insert *by a Majority* "*of the Members present.*"

"Article 8th. In the 22nd Line strike out the words '*when he;*' "and insert in lieu thereof these words '*but no Candidate*' "and in the 23d line strike out the words '*whether such*' "and insert in lieu thereof the following words '*unless his* "*Petition has laid on the Table One Month and the.*' Strike "out the words '*or otherwise*' in the 24th and 25th Lines.

(Sign'd) "THOMAS BRADFORD, junr.
"RICHARD BACHE."

"November 17, 1812."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 132, held in Brandywine Township, Chester County, which was read and amended and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and "Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee on Bye Laws, beg leave to Report, That "they have carefully examined the Bye Laws of Brandywine "Lodge, N°. 132, and approve the same with the following "exceptions:

"Section 7. Add at the end of the Section '*or a Sojourner in this State.*"

"Section 9. In the Tenth Line strike out the whole of the "Tenth Line and part of the Eleventh until the word "'*but*' and insert in lieu thereof '*he shall be considered as* "*rejected.*' Also, in the same Section after the Words "'*but should the Committee Report favourable a Ballot may*

"*immediately take place, when should there appear*' strike "out all the remainder of the said Section and insert in "lieu thereof '*One or more Ballots against him, he shall be* "*rejected, and it shall be the Duty of the Secretary to trans-* "*mit to the Grand Secretary such Rejection as soon as pos-* "*sible.*

(Sign'd) "THOMAS BRADFORD, jun^r.
"RICHARD BACHE."

Which Report, as amended, was Adopted.

The Grand Secretary stated that having on the 3^d Instant heard that Joseph H. Vanderslice, who was some Time before Rejected in Lodge N°. 72, held in this City, had that Day gone to New York to be there made by Dispensation, he had written to the Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York informing him of the said rejection. That in Answer thereto he had receiv'd a Letter from the said Grand Secretary of New York, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"New York, 5 Nov^r., 1812.

"R. W. Brother,

"I regret exceedingly that I did not get your Letter of the "3^d Ins^t. a few Minutes before I did, for though it would not "have prevented Vanderslice from being made a Mason, that "having already been done by Dispensation, yet I should "have felt myself Authorized in withholding from him a "Grand Lodge Certificate which I had given him but just "before the Penny Post brought me your Letter. Indeed he "had scarcely got out of my Office before your Letter came "into my Hands; but it was then as you will perceive too "late. It ought to serve, however, as a salutary caution to "the Lodges in One City against making Masons who are "Strangers, in the hasty manner that I fear they often are, "and I shall make it the subject of a Communication to them "accordingly. I beg of you to accept my Thanks for the Zeal "you have manifested in communicating to me the informa- "tion as speedily as it was in your power to do, and have "only to lament that in this instance it has proved ineffectual,

"tho' I hope it will be a means of preventing similar abuses "in the future.

"I am, &c.,

(Sign'd) "JOHN WELLS,

"Grand Sec^y. of the R.W.

"G. L. of New York."

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, the following Order was Adopted, to wit:

Whereas, a certain Joseph H. Vanderslice was rejected by Lodge N°. 72, in this City, and afterwards went to the City of New York, where it is said he was Initiated in Abraham's Lodge, N°. 15, New York, which could not have taken place had the Lodge been informed of his Rejection. And Whereas, such impositions and practices deserve Censure and punishment, It is hereby Ordered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, that the said Joseph H. Vanderslice be debarred from Visiting the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary communicate this regulation to the said Lodges.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Bro^rs. James Harper, jun^r., Joseph Barnes and Samuel Badger be a Committee to devise a Mode of preventing persons rejected in other States from being made in Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee appointed on the 5th Ult^o. respecting John A. Rohr and Patrick Calely, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and "Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee to whom were referred on the 5th October "last, certain Communications made by the Grand Secretary "on the 7th of September, respecting a Certificate issued, and "a Book published by John A. Rohr, and respecting a spur-"ious Certificate issued by One Daniels and Patrick Calely to "a certain John Robinson, Beg leave to Report,

"That Your Committee in the performance of the Duties "of their Appointment have spared no pains in the investiga-"tion of the matters committed to their Charge, as they have

"considered a full exposition of the facts which have come to "their knowledge, as highly important to the Interests of "Masonry.

"Your Committee summoned Patrick Caley to appear be-"fore them 'to Answer certain Charges which would be ex-"hibited against him touching a spurious Certificate of "Masonry, said to have been granted by him.' In conform-"ity with the request of the Committee, Mr. Caley appeared "before them, was examined, and found to be a regular "Master Mason. He acknowledged his acquaintance with "John Robinson, whom he had seen Passed and Raised at "Fortitude Lodge in Brooklyn, and produced to the Com-"mittee a Medal presented to him by Lodge No. 6, in New "York, as a Token of their respect for the services he had "rendered them, by performing for Four Years, the Duties of "Secretary, Bro^r. Caley denied the Hand writing upon the "Certificate, supposed to be his, but stated that Robinson had "once shown him that same instrument, (but which at that "Time had not the Counter-signature of Patrick Caley,) in-"forming him, that he had obtained it for the sum of Two "Dollars, from the Master of a Lodge, (he thinks,) in Jersey, "and that he, Brother Caley, at that Time told him, the Cer-"tificate could be of no service to him. Upon comparing the "Hand writing on the Certificate, with the Acknowledged "Hand writing of Brother Caley, and from a View of all the "Circumstances of the Case, Your Committee are unanimously "of Opinion, that the Name of 'Patrick Caley,' on the Cer-"tificate in question, is a Forgery, and that Brother Caley "should stand acquitted before this Grand Lodge, of all "Agency or Connivance in the issuing of the said spurious "Certificate.

"Upon the subject of a Certificate issued by John A. Rohr, "styling himself 'Master of Philadelphia Union Mark Lodge, "No. 1,' certifying that he the said 'John A. Rohr, Esquire,' "had been duly Exalted to the Sublime 'Degree of a Master "Mason,' Your Committee, before whom the Original, as "well as the Copy was produced, are of Opinion, that the said "Certificate was never intended to have been issued as a valid

"instrument, that it still remains without the signature of "Wardens or Secretary, and without a Seal, that the expres- "sion of '*Degree of a Master Mason*,' which existed in the Cer- "tificate when a blank, had been left unaltered to '*Mark* "*Master*,' through inadvertance, and not with a Design to "deceive, and that the filling up of the Certificate, having on "it the Name of John A. Rohr, in Three distinct places, "being in itself so preposterous and absurd, is indicative of a "want of proper consideration, rather than of an intention to "do wrong, and more especially so, as Brother Rohr never has "at any Time been Master of the said Lodge. Upon this "View of the subject, Your Committee are of Opinion that "Brother Rohr should be acquitted of the Charges of un- "masonic Conduct, but that he merits a severe reprimand for "having sported with the right of granting a Certificate for "the 'Degree of a Master Mason,' which belongs solely to the "Legitimate Lodges who acknowledge the Jurisdiction of the "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"Whilst they are upon this subject, Your Committee think "it appropriate to the present investigation to state, that a "Certificate was exhibited to them Signed by Smith Allison, "as Master; —— Reynolds, Senior Warden, and John A. "Rohr, Junior Warden of 'Philadelphia Union Mark Lodge, "No. 1,' declaring that —— —— 'had been duly exalted to "the sublime Degree of a Mark Master Mason.' This Certifi- "cate bore upon it a Seal, and was Acknowledged by Bro^r. "Allison, who held it, to have been regularly issued by the "Lodge aforesaid, lately held in Apple Tree Alley in this City. "As the Duties for which your Committee were appointed do "not embrace this circumstance, a mere statement of the fact "has been deemed sufficient.

"It is with great satisfaction that your Committee are "enabled to communicate upon the Testimony of several "Brethren, who had Acknowledged themselves as Members "of the Mark Lodge above mentioned, that that Lodge was "closed about Six Weeks since, in consequence of a disposi- "tion on the part of its Members, to avoid giving umbrage "to the Grand Lodge, and that the Warrant under which it

"held its sittings had been surrendered to the Authority "whence it was derived, so that the institution now no longer "exists.

"Upon the subject of a Book published under the sanction "of the Name of John A. Rohr, your Committee Report the "following statement of Circumstances derived from the Testi-"mony of Brother Rohr and several other Brethren, who ap-"peared before the Committee. Bro^r. Rohr has denied that "he caused the Book in question to be printed, but has "acknowledged that he consented to the use of his Name as "the publisher, and that he was the Agent for the sale thereof. "The truth of this declaration was confirmed by Bro^r. Smith "Allison, who pledged himself to produce to the Committee, "if required, the Name of the person who caused the Book to "be published. This having at a subsequent Meeting been "demanded of him, Bro^r. Allison stated the following facts: "'That some Months past Bro^r. John A. Rohr has shown to "him a Book which he had borrowed from a Captain of a "Vessel, who was soon about to depart, that he, Bro^r. Allison, "had paid One or Two Men who were Masons, Ten Dollars "for Copying the said Book, that he had then proposed to "Bro^r. Rohr to join him in the publication of it, but that the "latter had refused so to do; that he afterwards made a similar "proposition to Bro^r. Francis Shallus, a Member of this Grand "Lodge, which he declined unless the publication met the "sanction of the Grand Master, in which Case he would Co-"operate; that he then communicated his intention to publish "the work to a friend of respectability, who was Master of a "Lodge and also a Member of this Grand Lodge, but whose "name was not disclosed, who advised him to execute his "plan, and promised him his assistance therein; that after in-"timating his design to many intelligent and respectable "Brethren, he had proposed to a Printer, who was also a "Mason, that if he would print the work, the emoluments "arising therefrom should be equally divided between them; "that this offer having been embraced, One Thousand Copies, "being the Book in Question, had been printed, that no im-"proper persuasion had been exercised towards Bro^r. Rohr, but

"that he voluntarily and readily consented to have his Name "proclaimed to the World as the publisher, and that as he, "Bro^r. Allison, was the sole cause of the publication, he was "desirous that no blame should be attached to Bro^r. Rohr, but "that all the consequences, however serious they might be, "should fall upon him.'

"Upon a dispassionate view of all the circumstances of the "Case, Your Committee are *Unanimously* of Opinion, that "Bro^r. John A. Rohr, having with his free consent permitted "his Name as a Mason to be used in support of a spurious "publication, thereby giving his Masonic sanction to a work "said to contain 'Lectures on the Three First Degrees of "Masonry,' has been guilty of an Attempt to impose upon the "Craft, which is a species of Misconduct cognizable by this "Grand Lodge. And that Bro^r. Smith Allison, by causing "the aforesaid Book to be published, has not only been guilty "of an Offence equal in magnitude to that committed by Bro^r. "Rohr, but has in addition thereto been the cause of exposing "to Masonic Censure, One of his Brethren of the Craft, both "of which acts are highly derogatory to true Masonic Con-"duct, and, therefore, liable to the Judgment of the Grand "Lodge. Your Committee, therefore, with due submission to "the Grand Lodge, offer for their Consideration the following "Resolution:

"Resolved, That Bro^rs. John A. Rohr and Smith Allison be "summoned to appear before this Grand Lodge, or before such "Committee as may be appointed, to show cause why they "should not be expelled from the Institution of Free Ma-"sonry.

"Before closing this Report, Your Committee cannot refrain "from expressing their belief, that more individuals than "those whose Names have now been divulged, are implicated "either by Agency or by connivance in this irregular pro-"ceeding. As far as your Committee are able to form con-"jectures, they are of Opinion that many of the Brethren, "who were Members of the Mark Lodge above spoken of, had "a knowledge of Bro^r. Allison's intention to publish the Book, "and it does appear to them that both of the transactions

"which have justly given offence to the Grand Lodge, have "derived their Origin from the same source.

(Sign'd) "GEORGE A. BAKER.
"THOMAS BRADFORD, jun^r.
"RICHARD BACHE.
"GEORGE W. BARTRAM.
"CANDY RAGUET.
} Committee."

"Philad^a., Novr. 12, 5812."

Which Report was accepted, and

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Bro^rs. John A. Rohr and Smith Allison be summoned to appear before a Committee of this Grand Lodge, to wit: Bro^rs. Joseph Barnes, Thomas Amies, James Cutbush, William Page and Samuel H. Jacobs, to show cause why they should not be Expelled from the Institution of Free Masonry, and that said Committee make Report of their proceedings.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th December, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Elliott, Senior Grand Deacon
" John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev^d. Bro^r. George Richards, D. D., Grand Chaplain.
Bro^r. Walter Kerr, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Andrew M. Prevost, Grand Marshal.

Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 25, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 81, 91, 92, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 117, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Thirty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Due Form, (the R. W. D. G. M. being in the Chair,) at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Adjourned Communications had since, were read.

A Charge was received from the R. W. Grand Master and read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge
"of Pennsylvania:

"Brethren,

"Being prevented by the Duties of the Station in which I "am acting in this place, from having the satisfaction of "being present at the ensuing Communication of the Grand "Lodge, I deem it no less due to a feeling of respect, than to "a sense of Duty, to tender you my sincere Congratulations "on the Termination of another Year of Masonic Concord and "prosperity. Although absence during the greater part of "that Time has deprived me of many of these Opportunites "of intercourse with the Grand Lodge, and the several "Branches of the Masonic Family under its superintendence, "which would have been grateful to my Heart and in Union "with the Obligations of the High Station with which I am "Honoured; yet the Affairs of the Society have received from "me all the attention that could be rendered compatible with "my situation, and my deficiencies have, I trust, been amply "supplied by the ability and Zeal of my respectable and "worthy Associates in Office. Referring then to them, and to "the representatives of the City Lodges, for that information "which I have heretofore been able to furnish, as the result "of my Annual Visitation to each Lodge, (which the reason I "had the Honour of Verbally stating to the Grand Lodge at

"my last interview with them, prevented my making at the "usual period this Autumn,) I consider it proper, as well from "Official Obligation as from an undiminished personal At-"tachment to the Interests of Masonry and of the Grand "Lodge, to accompany my Annual salutations with a few "words of Affectionate and well intended Counsel.

"To the Providential care and protection of the Supreme "Architect and Governor of the Universe, and, under his in-"fluence and Guidance to an awakened and persevering Zeal "in the Brethren of our Fraternity, we owe an unexampled "course of prosperity for several Years past. Harmony in our "deliberations, unity of sentiment and Action, and an unre-"mitted industry that overcame every rising obstacle, have "elevated many of the subordinate Lodges and the Grand "Lodge to an enviable state of splendour and usefulness. A "recurrence to the past History of Masonry in Pennsylvania "will evince how rapid has been the increase of our Lodges, "and how abundant has been the Addition of valuable Mem-"bers to the Craft, within a short period compared with former "Times. And although this course of success should not "blind us to remaining Causes of depression in some Members "of the great Household, for which virtuous and wise exertion "will, if applied, furnish easy and efficacious remedies; I have "had reiterated occasion to bestow the meed of praise on the "good Order and improvement that have been every where so "strikingly manifested. The Counsel that naturally suggests "itself, as the result of these reflections is, that we should keep "on in our course of well doing, as the only means of ensur-"ing the continuance of the smiles of our Heavenly Bene-"factor. Let us still further improve the solemnity, correct-"ness and beauty of the interior Operations of our Holy "Temple. Let our Labours be conducted with a seriousness, "regularity and decency that shall extort the applause of all "who Witness them. Let the enjoyments of the Banqueting "room be conformed in Degree to the Model of Order and "Propriety exhibited in the Labours of the Lodge, retaining "all its innocence and divested only of that severity of Dis-"cipline which would mar the free interchange of social

"delight, or injuriously suppress that chearful spirit that "restrained only by the limits of a liberal morality and Gen-"tlemanly decorum, should ever predominate at the festive "board. Let us, both in our seasons of Labour and refresh-"ment, set a guard against the intrusion of every cause of "Jealousy, Anger or disquietude that have heretofore been "so successfully prevented from disturbing the freedom and "tranquility of our fraternal intercourse. Let *One* hallowed "retreat still be preserved in the purity of its Original design, "free from the influence of those discordant passions of our "Nature that mingle themselves unavoidably with the Clash-"ing Interests and Opinions of Men in the general operations "of Human Society. Those Topics that excite them can "never occupy or claim consideration in that peaceful Asylum "devoted only to offices of Charity and Brotherly Love, and "confounding all diversity of Opinion in the cultivation and "exercise of the best affections with which a beneficient "Creator has been pleased to endow us. I give you, unre-"servedly my beloved Brethren, that Advice, which if I know "myself, I desire in my own deportment never to neglect; to "let the difficulties of the Times, and the opposing Views and "sentiments of Individuals with regard to public Affairs, ex-"cite in us fresh dispositions for the maintenance of *Masonic* "*Amity*, and for preserving, unimpaired, by the disuniting "and destroying ravages of party Animosity, the precious and "unsullied inheritance transmitted to us by our ever Honoured "forerunners in the Craft. The perpetuity of genuine and "unadulterated Masonry depends more essentially on an in-"violable adherence to this prohibitory precept, than upon "almost any other of the means of preservation with which "the institution is supplied, and it is Honourable in no small "degree to our section of it, that amidst all the external col-"lisions with which we have been from Time to Time sur-"rounded, their sound has never been heard within this "Mansion. It is consecrated to Peace and governed by those "milder virtues of the Human Character that soften the "asperities of Life, and, in proportion to their influence upon "our conduct, assimilate us in Degree to the great Pattern of

"Christian perfection, 'who went about doing good,' 'when "he was reviled, reviled not again,' and extended to his bitter-"est persecutors the exercise of that Brotherly Affection which "it is our Duty as Christians and as Masons to endeavour to "imitate.

"Having thus Communicated my Anxious desire that "nothing may obstruct the perfect adjustment of the *Square* "of true fellowship, and earnestly recommending a studied re-"gard to the Moral Uses of *the Plumb* and *the Level*, with the "controlling caution over our indulgencies indicated by an-"other well known badge of Our Order, let me excite you to "renewed activity and Zeal in the extension of the benefits of "the Association, by inviting to our portals the wise and good "within the sphere of our Acquaintance, without regard to "the factitious Names and denominations, Religious or Politi-"cal, by which they may be distinguished. I recommend not "undue solicitation; the Society, if well conducted, possesses "attractive properties abundantly adequate to ensure the "maintenance of a succession of Members; but let each Mason "endeavour, in the lusture of his own demeanour, to afford a "standing encouragement to others, to *enter* as Tyros in the "same School, *pass* through the admirable course of instruc-"tion there prescribed, and in due Time be *raised* by his "Brethren to well merited Honour and distinction. Solicit "no one against his inclination, but at the same Time be not "needlessly fastidious in avoiding to speak forth the praises "of our inestimable Institution to those who manifest a desire "of Union with us, and apply to you for information, if you "know them to be worthy of admission. Do not strive to at-"tach improper mystery to the Moral and Benevolent attri-"butes of our Association. Expose them fully, for they are "such as will bear any scrutiny and examination to which an "Honest Spirit of Enquiry, nay even the most inquisitive "curiosity may subject them. They require no Mantle of "concealment. The glare of the Sun in his Meridian will but "increase the beauty of their tints, and add to their lustre in "the Eyes of all beholders. You know your Obligations too "well to make it necessary to remind you that the liberality

"now recommended is not to extend to the slightest develop-
"ment of the Landmarks of our Order, which must only be
"learnt within the Vail of the Temple, where they are ever
"preserved as the indissoluble Bond of our Union; furnishing
"alike the surest evidence of the remote Antiquity and an
"undoubted pledge of the perpetuity of its existence. Let me
"caution you equally against carelessness in your own deport-
"ment, or submitting to be made the Dupes of unprincipled
"and designing Men. There are, happily, very few who re-
"quire such a caution. It is nevertheless suggested in pur-
"suance of a knowledge, that attempts have been made to
"lead unwary Brethren into a departure from Duty, by con-
"curring in an irregular and unwarrantable use of our
"Mysteries for Mercenary purposes. The Authors of the Mis-
"chief have, however, found their plans frustrated, as well
"by the Timely interposition of Authority as by the steadfast
"Virtue and integrity of the Craft.

"To you, my Brethren who hold your Seats in the Grand
"Lodge, in Virtue of the Offices to which your fellow mem-
"bers have elevated you in your respective Lodges, permit me
"to say: that while I commend the diligence with which you
"give your attendance on the Duties of the Grand Lodge, I
"cannot but urge upon you a vigorous and spirited discharge
"of those that devolve upon you in the particular Lodge of
"which you are Officers. Have you not all observed how
"much the prosperity and growth of a Lodge, regularity in
"the attendance of its Members, and its attractions to visitors
"depend upon the Capacity, Industry and Demeanour of
"those who conduct its Labours? A Military Corps is not
"more dependent for the Beauty, Uniformity, Discipline and
"general excellence of its movements and evolutions on the
"skill and activity of the Commander by whom they are
"trained and instructed, than the Lodge is upon those of its
"Master and other Officers. An indolent or incapable leader,
"or Assistants who do not know and will not learn their
"Duty, will as surely conduct the society under their Manage-
"ment first into languor and indifference, and ultimately into
"annihilation, as the incompetent General will his Army into

"disorder and disgrace, and at length into the Jaws of Death "or the Hands of the Enemy. Be impressed, therefore, with "the importance and responsibility of your several stations, "Acquire a perfect knowledge, the only security for an easy "and satisfactory discharge of their Duties. Unite a bland "and conciliatory deportment with a promptitude and bold-"ness adapted to every emergency. Excite an animated love "for Masonry and Ardour in its service, by the Beauty of your "exhibition of its Mysteries, and never forget that your ex-"ample may be of unspeakable importance in the Advance-"ment or depression of our Noble Order.

"Brethren, The grand design of this Association having "primarily in view the distribution of Charitable relief "amongst our distressed Members or their destitute surviving "relatives, the unavoidable interruption of the Fund formerly "devoted to that purpose by the Grand Lodge, is to me a "source of painful uneasiness and regret. Its suppression, "even during the temporary necessities occasioned by the "great expence of erecting the New Hall, would indeed have "been unpardonable if another Channel had not been opened, "through which the beneficence of the Craft in this City has "continued to flow for the mitigation of the ills of poverty "and Misfortune. The distribution of pecuniary aid from "the Funds of the subordinate Lodges, has in all probability "constituted an Aggregate amount fully equal to that form-"erly bestowed by the Grand Committee of Charity, to which "almost all Applications were customarily directed or referred. "But I am inclined to believe, that in the selection of suitable "objects of relief by a careful examination of the merits of "Applicants, amongst whom many vitious and unworthy per-"sons will always be found, and in promptitude of Assistance "to those whose wants from sudden misfortune, the pressure "of sickness, or other providential Visitations call for immedi-"ate Aid, suffering indigence has lost much by the cessation "of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge. Yet its revival, "until our load of Debt is removed, is wholly impracticable, "and we must console ourselves with the Anticipation of a "future period, when, by a strenuous perseverance in the plan

"Adopted for the discharge of the demands of justice, we shall "be better able to Answer those of generosity. We may then "hail the revival with an abundant Treasury of our Ancient "well approved Board of Charity, under auspices that shall "gladden the Heart of many an Ancient Matron, make the "Afflicted Widow rejoice that her lost Partner was a Mason, "restore to Active usefulness the ill-fated Victim of untoward "fortune, and supply the wandering Orphan with the pro-"vision, both for Body and for Mind, which the unsearchable "Wisdom of Providence has prevented his receiving at a "parent's hand. In the mean Time allow me to suggest "to you, though in the Character of Members of private "Lodges rather than of the Grand Lodge, whether by "a Voluntary Association in some well digested form, the "Monies now expended in Charitable Offices may not be con-"centrated in One point, and employed with more discrimina-"tion as to merit, and with more immediate benefit to those "who are really deserving. At present, sometimes Petitions "lie neglected on the Pedestal, because no one feels an Interest "in bringing it before the Lodge; the Petitioners, and even "their advocates and place of residence, being unknown in that "particular body. In other instances, erroneous recommenda-"tions, the hurry of business, or a mistaken prodigality of "expenditure, occasion too ready an acquiescence in the de-"mands of the unfortunate, or induce benefactions of too dis-"proportionate an Amount to particular individuals. It also "sometimes occurs, that the transient Brother, seeking his "home, but overtaken by misfortune on his Journey, is re-"ferred to the Charity of an unpitying world for that pittance "which would have sustained his spirits, prevented his assum-"ing in the Eyes of strangers the garb of a mendicant, and "sent him cheerily on his way, because it is impossible for "him to wait the slow progress of a round of Meetings, "through which his Petition must pass before his necessities "are supplied. My Official station has furnished me with so "many distressing proofs of these evils, that I cannot avoid "presenting them to your view, in Order that your intelli-"gence may provide for them a remedy. A plan was sub-

"mitted to my inspection last Winter by a Committee of "Lodge No. 121, the general outline of which impressed me "as eligible, and I believe I hinted to them One or Two im-"provements. I have never learnt its fate, but I am per-"suaded that the Money now expended would be much more "justly and beneficially distributed if the Lodges in the City "would concert some scheme of union in this most laudable "and delightful branch of Masonic employment.

"The more immediate Affairs of the Grand Lodge in which "the Subordinate Lodges, and especially those in the City of "Philadelphia, have a deep stake, assume under existing "circumstances, a consequence of very great and unprece-"dented magnitude. A proud and laudable ambition to ex-"hibit Masonry in the Chief City of the Union in her most "imposing attitude, led its conductors into an undertaking "evidently far beyond the pecuniary resources with which "they were then provided. A progressive advancement in "the work exposed a prospect of expenditures greatly exceed-"ing the original expectation. The Die was however cast. "No alternative remained but to retreat ingloriously under a "heavy and irremediable loss, or to go forward boldly in the "face of the difficulties that menaced us. Under the latter "impulse we advanced and overcame them. An enterprise "which is the astonishment of our Brethren in other places, "and the admiration of our Fellow Citizens, has been brought "to a successful termination. Our reward is the possession of "a Temple worthy of the dignity of our Society, and calculated "to impress a favourable Opinion of its grandeur and sub-"limity on the minds of Our Fellow Citizens. We must not, "nevertheless, in the indulgence of self gratulation, conceal "from ourselves the Obligations under which the accomplish-"ment of the work has laid us to many of our own Number, "and to strangers for those supplies of Money, that, added to "our own funds have enabled us to effect it. The plan of the "Two Loans Amounting together to Sixty Thousand Dollars, "for the payment of the Principal and Interest of which our "property and Faith stand pledged, you are generally ac-"quainted with. The most prominent observation which it

"suggests for our government is a studious regard to Economy "in our Expenditures; in Order that the Nett surplus of our "Revenues may be statedly applied to the increase of the "Sinking Fund, which will ultimately redeem the Debt, and "leave us in possession of an unincumbered Estate worth "little short of One Hundred Thousand Dollars. And while "this Economy should constantly controul the disbursements "of the Grand Lodge, it is both the Duty and Interest of the "Subordinate Lodges, to be more rigidly exact than ever in "the payment of their Dues, &c., to that body, that no possi-"bility of failure should exist in the semi-annual discharge of "the Interest, and that we may the sooner possess ourselves "of the sum requisite for the ultimate extinction of the Prin-"cipal. You will be informed of the progress already made "in the formation of the Sinking Fund by the Annual State-"ment of the Trustees of the Loans. Many of the Causes "which have hitherto prevented its more rapid accumulation "having ceased; it is hoped that by diligence in the Collection "of our revenues, by adopting every practicable and judicious "Method of enlarging their amount, and by retrenching every "useless expence, its future growth will be more proportionate "to the anticipations in which we have indulged.

"I am informed that the transactions of the Building Com-"mittee are nearly closed, and that some deficiency is likely "to occur, not, however, to any alarming extent, in the Funds "that have been placed at their disposal. You will see the "necessity of taking the subject into early Consideration, that "provision may be made for meeting this difficulty. On the "liberality and Zeal of the Numerous Members of our Masonic "Family, and especially such as have not yet made any con-"tribution to the Building, I trust we may confidently rely "for that aid which this comparatively trivial exigency may "require.

"My Brethren, Arrived near the close of the Seventh Year "of my Administration of the Duties of the Chair, it would be "unpardonable in me not to repeat my gratitude to you for "these repeated testimonies of your regard, and for the "unanimity and Zeal with which you have supported me in

"my Arduous situation. To one lamented Brother, (Jonathan "Bayard Smith, Esqr., P. G. M.,) who formerly occupied this "High Station with so much Honour to himself and advan- "tage to the Craft, and to whose Memory an unfading monu- "ment should be erected in every breast, I owed much for "his ever ready instruction, Counsel and encouragement in "every difficulty. The inscrutable Decree of an All wise "Providence, has in his Death removed from our Temple a "burning and a shining Light. He has left us, however, the "benefit of his good example, and with that consolation let us "acquiesce in this Afflicting Dispensation under a Humble "Hope, that Our loss is his gain, and that his transition has "been from this to a more glorious Temple, a Building of "God, 'a House not made with Hands, eternal in the "Heavens.' My Obligations are also very great to many "Brethren whose Labours in their respective Stations continue "to give Life and Spirit to our Operations, and few indeed "can be excepted from the praise of cheerful acquiescence in "the Counsels and injunctions which Official Duty has at "various Times required. For myself I claim only the merit "of good intentions, and a sincere desire, very feebly executed, "to Advance the Honour of the Grand Lodge, and the pros- "perity and practical usefulness of our Ancient and respect- "able establishment.

"May our Supreme Grand Master preside over all your de- "liberations, and direct you to the best means of improving "the Advantages which have been the result of past exertion, "so that, 'forgetting those Things that are behind, you may "press forward' to the successful accomplishment of every "well considered plan for extending the sphere of Masonic "Charity, and the influence of our excellent rules of Moral "Conduct and Brotherly Affection."

(Sign'd) "JAMES MILNOR,
"Grand Master.
"Washington, November 18, 1812."

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the same be published and transmitted to all the Members of this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Grand Officers for the ensuing Year, And he further informed the Brethren, That on Account of his Ill state of Health, he thought it proper to decline again standing a Candidate for the said High Station, And that in Order to afford the Brethren an Opportunity of Consulting each other and making up their Minds, he had communicated his intention to some of the Members of the Grand Lodge some Time since. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the Election, when

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esqr., Counsellor at Law, and a Member of the Congress of the United States from the State of Pennsylvania, was duly Re-elected R. W. Grand Master.

" Richard Tybout, Hat Manufacturer, was duly Elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Joseph Burden, Fancy Chair Manufacturer, was duly Elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Samuel F. Bradford, Printer and Book seller, was duly Elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, Conveyancer, was duly Re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary, and

" Walter Kerr, Gentleman, was duly Elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the R. W. Senior Grand Warden and the R. W. Junior Grand Warden be a Committee to inform the R. W. Grand Master, Bro^r. James Milnor, Esquire, of his Re-election.

A Petition from divers Members of Lodge N°. 128, was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The Petition of the Subscribers, Members of Temple "Lodge, N°. 128,

"Respectfully Sheweth:

"That Your Petitioners wishing to support all the Ancient "Land Marks of Masonry, and likewise the Rules and Regu- "lations of Your R. W. G. Lodge, beg leave to enter their "Protest against the proceedings of the last Meeting of No. "128, as to an undue Election of Officers for the ensuing six "Months, for the following Reasons, (which will be supported "by Respectable Evidence,) Viz:

"1st. That the R. W. Elect, James Hamill, was not in a situa- "tion competent to govern, from a state of Intoxica- "tion, having left his Chair Vacant.

"2nd. That the Election for Three of the Officers commenced "after working Hours.

"3d. That he had Tickets prepared to insure his Re-election "and Insinuated to Young Members that no change "was to take place, but that the Officers then being "were to be continued.

"4th. That the Brother who was Elected Treasurer had with- "drawn from the Lodge in August last, and therefore "was no member.

"We therefore pray Your R. W. Grand Lodge to take our "Case into your serious Consideration, and set aside said Elec- "tion, and Order that a New Election may take place prior to "St. John's Day, that we may have an Opportunity of placing "such a Brother to govern as will enable us to be free from "Censure, and meet the Approbation of the R. W. Grand "Lodge. And Your Petitioners shall ever think themselves "in Duty bound to pray.

(Sign'd) "Thos. Ennis.
"James Ferrier.
"James Black.
"Daniel McCleary.
"Timothy Horram.
"Paul Godshall.
"Joseph Lewes.
"Robert Smith.
"Luke Belfe.
"Edward Ford."

Which was referr'd to Bro^rs. Kerr, Barnes and Bache, to Examine and Report thereon on S^t. John's Day next.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, of 10th Ultimo, containing the Names of their Grand Officers for the ensuing Year was read. It also contained the following Resolutions, to wit: "Resolved, That the Lodges under the "Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall not initiate into the "Mysteries of the Craft, any person of this State, or of any of "the United States, or a Foreigner, unless before he be so "Initiated, he shall satisfy said Lodge by a Test or otherwise, "that he hath not at any Time made application to a Lodge "for Admission and been rejected, or otherwise refused admis-"sion into the same. And further Resolved, That the Grand "Secretary be directed to enclose a Copy of this Resolution to "the Grand Lodges of the State of Pennsylvania, New York "and Delaware, and that in behalf of this Grand Lodge, they "be requested to pass a similar Resolution, so far as regards "persons of this State applying to be Initiated under their "Jurisdiction." Which Resolutions were referr'd to the Committee Appointed by this Grand Lodge on the 16th Ult^o., for devising a Mode of preventing Persons rejected in Other States from being made in Lodges under this Jurisdiction, to wit: Bro^rs. James Harper, jun^r., Joseph Barnes and Samuel Badger to Report thereon.

A Communication was received from Lodge N°. 126, held in this City, and read, informing that they intend relinquishing the Extra Room from and after S^t. John's Day next, also Communicating that they had Altered the First Article of their Bye Laws by erasing the words "Second Tuesday," which alteration was approved of.

A Petition from Joseph H. Vanderslice was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Petition of Joseph H. Vanderslice, of the City of Phila-"delphia,

"Respectfully Sheweth.

"That in the Month of August last, your Petitioner made "Application for Initiation in Lodge N°. 72, but owing to

"some private Picque he was most unjustly rejected in as "much as he was innocent, but as it is now entirely made up, "he is induced to apply to the said Lodge to be admitted a "Member, but as he has understood that a Vote has passed "your R. W. body, precluding him from Visiting the Lodges "under your Jurisdiction in consequence of his having been "made by Dispensation in New York, he begs leave respect-"fully to state that even in this Case he has innocently erred, "as he knew not that he committed any offence in making "the Application in New York, not as has been asserted "immediately upon his rejection here, but after a Lapse of "Three Months, nor did he, as it has been also asserted, go to "New York for that express purpose. He therefore prays "that Your R. W. Grand Lodge will be pleased to rescind the "aforesaid Vote, so as to enable him to become a Member of "Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, should the said Lodge upon "enquiry deem him worthy. And he as in Duty bound, &c.

(Sign'd) "JOSEPH H. VANDERSLICE."

(Recommended as follows:)

"We the Subscribers of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, respect-"fully recommend the Petitioner for the purpose within "named.

(Sign'd) "FRANCIS SHALLUS, P. M.
"ADAM KEYSER, P. M.
"JOHN STINGER, W. M."

Which was referr'd to Bro^rs. Lippincott, Amies and Darragh, to Examine and Report thereon.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 28th December, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812, in lieu of St. John the Evangelist's Day which fell on Sunday the 27th.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present.

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Rev^d. Doct^r. George Richards, Grand Chaplain.
Bro^r. Nathan Bunker, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Walter Kerr, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Dep^y. Grand Secretary, P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 91, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was read, and thereupon the following Grand Officers Elect were severally Installed into their respective Offices in Ancient and Solemn Form, to wit:

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following Appointments, to wit:

Bro^r. Thomas Elliott, Senior Grand Deacon.
" John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. John Andrews, } Grand Chaplains.
" " " William Rogers, }
" " " George Potts, }
" " " George Richards, }

Bro^r. Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.
" William Wray, }
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Esqr., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz:

Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., } Committee of Correspondence.
" Samuel F. Bradford,
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr.,

" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., } Committee of Accounts.
" William Page,
" Lambert Keatting,

" Thomas Bradford, jun^r., Esqr., } Committee to Examine the Bye Laws of the Subordinate Lodges as the same shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge,
" Richard Bache, Esqr.,
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Esqr.,

" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., } Committee to Examine the transactions of the past Year for publication.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr.,
" Joseph Barnes, Esqr.,

Bro^r. Samuel Lippincott, T., } Hall Committee.
" Thomas Entrikin,
" Frederick Erringer, Esqr.,

" Frederick Wolbert, Esqr., for the Northern Liberties, }
" George A. Baker, for the City,
" Daniel Bussier, Esqr., for Southwark.
Recommenders of Objects to the Philadelphia Dispensary.

Bro^r. Grand Secretary stated that he had re-appointed Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Deputy Grand Secretary for the ensuing Year, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the Appointment. Whereupon, the same was Unanimously Approved.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That this Grand Lodge deeply sen-

sible of the long and Faithful services of the late R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., do direct that a Past Master's Jewell of Superior Beauty with Appropriate Hangings be prepared and presented to him in Grand Lodge by the R. W. Grand Master, with an appropriate Address Conveying the High sense this Grand Lodge entertains of the Zeal, fidelity and ability with which he has fulfilled the Duties of the Various Stations he has occupied in the Craft, and especially of the High Office from which Indisposition has obliged him to retire.

Resolved, that Bro^rs. Tybout and Samuel F. Bradford be a Committee to procure said Jewell and Hangings.

A Communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, (of Date of 26th Instant,) was read, informing that they had Resolved to pay their own Expences and to pay to the Grand Lodge a Rent of Sixty Dollars p^r. Annum, to commence on S^t. John's Day the 27th In^st. Which was Approved.

A New set of Rules and Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter were received and referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee appointed on the complaint of divers Members of Lodge N°. 128, made Report, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
"R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"Your Committee appointed to investigate into, and make "Report on, the Charges made by divers Members of Lodge "N°. 128 against the irregular proceedings at the late Election "of Officers of that Lodge, beg leave to Report:

"That all the Witnesses mentioned by the Petitioners were "subpœnaed by Your Committee, and all who attended were "examined by them, and after a full Consideration are of "Opinion that the Charges made by said Petitioners of Temple "Lodge, N°. 128, in their Petition presented to Your Honour-"able Body on the 7th Instant, against James Hamill, W. "Master, Elect, and of other irregular proceedings of that "Lodge at their late Election, have not been established. And

"it is the Opinion of Your Committee that the prayer of the "Petitioners ought not be granted. Therefore Resolved, That "the R. W. Grand Lodge do Acknowledge.

James Hamill, W. Master,
John Hamill, Senr. Warden,
John Town, Junr. Warden,
Henry Witmer, Secretary,
David Cook, Treasurer,

"duly Elected Officers of Temple Lodge, No. 128, until St. "John's Day next. And that the Petitioners have leave to "withdraw their Petition.

(Signed) "WALTER KERR.
"JOS. BARNES."

Which Report and Resolution were Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Brors. Kerr, T. Bradford and Bache be a Committee to Consider what regulations, if any, are necessary respecting the Occupying of the small Room by the Subordinate Lodges, and that they make Report.

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be requested to examine the Accounts of the late Grand Treasurer, and to Report finally thereon at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Lodges being called on for their Returns, the following Returns were received, to wit:

Lodge No. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bror. Edward W. Carr, W. M.; Bror. Edward Shelmerdine, S. W.; Bror. Joseph Douglass, J. W.; Bror. Alexander Knight, Secretary; Bror. Joseph Burden, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bror. Nathan Bunker, W. M.; Bror. Doctr. Elijah Griffith, S. W.; Bror. Thomas Pearson, J. W.; Bror. Daniel Wythe, Secretary; Bror. John Maull, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bror. Andrew Scott, W. M.; Bror. Robert McCarron, S. W.; Bror. Patrick McGuigan, J. W.; Bror. John McArthur, Secretary; Bror. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Boyd Reilly, W. M.; Bro. John Alexander, S. W.; Bro. Israel I. Ashbridge, J. W.; Bro. Francis Harmer, Secretary; Bro. George C. Snyder, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Samuel Relf, W. M.; Bro. Candy Raguet, S. W.; Bro. Peter Wager, J. W.; Bro. Robert Milnor, Secretary; Bro. Thomas Biddle, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Joseph McCoy, W. M.; Bro. John Frazier, S. W.; Bro. Benjamin Molineux, J. W.; Bro. Samuel Passey, Secretary; Bro. Robert Mercer, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Lambert Keatting, W. M.; Bro. James Fullen, S. W.; Bro. Josiah S. Kay, J. W.; Bro. Charles Budd, Secretary; Bro. Samuel Lippincott, T., Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Andrew Bozorth, W. M.; Bro. William Boyce, S. W.; Bro. William Charles, J. W.; Bro. William Adams, Secretary; Bro. Joseph Brobston, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. John Stinger, W. M.; Bro. John C. Lindenmuth, S. W.; Bro. A. F. Seebohm, J. W.; Bro. Robert Johnson, Secretary; Bro. George Willig, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Edward George, W. M.; Bro. F. Cononge, S. W.; Bro. I. Chauveau, J. W.; Bro. J. B. Orso, Secretary; Bro. N. Thouron, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return, returning Bro. Samuel P. Norton, W. M.; Bro. Daniel Castor, S. W.; Bro. William St. Clair, J. W.; Bro. Daniel Topham, Secretary; Bro. Daniel Snyder, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. George W. Bartram, W. M.; Bro^r. William Strickland, S. W.; Bro^r. Henry M. Prevost, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas S. Manning, Secretary; Bro^r. George E. Blake, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues. Communication informing of their intention to relinquish their Meetings in the Extra Room after this Day.

Lodge No. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Florence Cotter, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Thomas Harper, S. W.; Bro^r. Alexander Napier, J. W.; Bro^r. James Harper, Secretary; Bro^r. Patrick Boyle, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel Jackson, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas P. Roberts, S. W.; Bro^r. James S. Skerrett, J. W.; Bro^r. John W. Peter, Secretary; Bro^r. Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues. Communication informing of their having relinquished the Extra Room.

Lodge No. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph K. Potts, W. M.; Bro^r. Doct^r. Isaac Cleaver, S. W.; Bro^r. Henry Toland, jun^r., J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas R. Morgan, Secretary; Bro^r. William W. Fisher, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas I. Matthews, W. M.; Bro^r. Michael Nisbet, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Durborow, J. W.; Bro^r. John C. Richardson, Secretary; Bro^r. Michael H. Anthony, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph Barnes, Esqr., W. M.; Bro^r. Henry Horn, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph S. Riley, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Bussier, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues to December, 1811.

Lodge No. 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, re-

turning Bro^r. John Carpenter, W. M.; Bro^r. William Delany, S. W.; Bro^r. Josiah Randall, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Lake, Secretary; Bro^r. Frederick Erringer, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues. Communication from said Lodge informing of their having relinquished the small Room.

Lodge N°. 134, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Richard Bache, W. M.; Bro^r. John Monell, S. W.; Bro^r. John W. Shaw, J. W.; Bro^r. Emanuel Lewis, Secretary; Bro^r. James M. Linnard, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Half past 12 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th January, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., Esqr., Senior Grand Deacon.
" John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Esqr., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Thomas Hennessy, Esqr., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 84, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 126, 128, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that Bro$^{r.}$ Elliott had resigned the Office of Senior Grand Deacon. And he was pleased to Appoint Bro$^{r.}$ Bayse Newcomb, jun$^{r.,}$ Esq$^{r.,}$ to fill the said Office.

A Report and Account were received from the Trustees of the Masonic Loans and read and Ordered to be Entered on the Minutes, as follows:

"At an Election held on Monday the 4th January, 1813, at "the New Hall of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for Six "Stockholders to serve in Conjunction with the Grand Officers "as Trustees of the Masonic Loans for the ensuing Year, "Charles Biddle, Edward Burd, Stephen Girard, Thomas M^{c}-"Even, Thomas Astley and Edward Gray, Esq$^{r.,}$ were duly "Elected, And At a Meeting of the Trustees held on the same "Day at 5 o'clock, P. M.,

"Charles Biddle, Esq$^{r.,}$ was chosen President.

"George A. Baker, Secretary, and

"Thomas McEven, Esq$^{r.,}$ Treasurer of the Board.

"Certified by GEORGE A. BAKER,
"Secretary.

"At the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic "Loans held at the New Hall of the Grand Lodge, on Monday, "the 4th January, 1813, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

"Resolved, That a Copy of the Account of all Monies re-"ceived and paid by this Board, be transmitted to the Grand "Lodge for their information. By which Account it will be "seen that the Stock of the Sinking Fund now consists of "Twenty Five Shares in the Farmers and Mechanick's Bank, "and Four Shares of the Masonic Loan.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"Grand Secretary."

"Dr. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in Account

"1811.			
"April	15.	To Cash paid for 4 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock for the Sinking Fund of the Grand Lodge.	$280.
"July	12.	To Cash paid for 6 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock for the Sinking Fund.	420.
"October	17.	To Cash paid for 4 Shares of Masonic Loan	400.
"1812.			
"April	21.	To Cash paid for 4 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock	276.
"October	21.	To Cash paid for 4 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock	277.
"1813.			
"January	4.	To Cash paid for 7 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock	483.

"Total Stock of the Sinking Fund on the 4th January, 1813, Viz:

"25 Shares of the Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank, present Value at $69 per Share	$1725.
"4 Shares Masonic Loan.	400.
"Total Value.	$2125.

with the Trustees of the Masonic Loans. Cr.

"1811.				
"April	15.	By Cash receiv'd from the Grand Treasurer on Order of the Grand Master.		$280.
"July	12.	By Cash receiv'd from the Grand Treasurer on Order of the Grand Master	$410.	
		By Ditto receiv'd Dividend on 4 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock for 6 Months	10.	
				420.
"October	17.	By Cash received of the Grand Treasurer on Order of the Grand Master		400.
"1812.				
"April	21.	By Cash receiv'd Six Months Dividend to 1st January, on 10 Shares Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock.	25.	
	"	By ditto receiv'd Interest of 4 Shares Masonic Loan from 17th October to 1st January . . .	5.	
	"	By ditto receiv'd of the Grand Treasurer, on Order of the Grand Master	246.	
				276.
"October	21.	By Cash receiv'd 6 Months Interest due 1st July, on 4 Shares Masonic Loan	12.	
	"	By ditto receiv'd 6 Months Dividend due 1st July, on 14 Shares Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock	35.	
	"	By ditto receiv'd of the Grand Treasurer on Order of the Grand Master	230.	
				277.
"1813.				
"January	4.	By Cash receiv'd 6 Months Interest due 1st Inst. on 4 Shares Masonic Loan	12.	
	"	By ditto receiv'd 6 Months Dividend due 1st Inst. on 18 Shares Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock	45.	
	"	By ditto receiv'd of the Grand Treasurer on Order of the Grand Master	426.	
				483.

"Philadelphia, 4 January, 1813.

"Errors and Omissions Excepted.

(Sign'd) "GEORGE A. BAKER,

"Secretary."

The Committee appointed on the 28th Ultimo, respecting the Occupying of the small Room by the Subordinate Lodges made Report, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee appointed to Consider what regulations, "if any, are necessary respecting the occupation of the "small Lodge Room by the Subordinate Lodges,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have considered the Subject, and are of Opinion "that those Lodges which do not pay an Annual Rent for the "Use of the small Lodge Room ought to pay to the Grand "Lodge a reasonable compensation for each Night or Time they "occupy it, except when they use it for the purpose of install-"ing their Officers.

"The Committee therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved, That those Lodges which do not pay to the "Grand Lodge an Annual Rent for the Use of the small Lodge "Room, shall pay the Sum of Three Dollars, independent of "the Expences of Lighting, for each Meeting they may hold "there, excepting when they meet to instal their Officers, and "that it be the Duty of the Grand Tyler to keep an Account "of the Meetings in said Room of such Lodges, and Report "the same to the Hall Committee, who shall transmit it to the "Grand Secretary on the First Monday in December in every "Year, to be by him charged to the Accounts of said Lodges.

(Sign'd) "WALTER KERR.
"THOMAS BRADFORD, junr.
"RICHARD BACHE."

Which Report and Resolution were Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penn-"sylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred the "Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Holy Royal "Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania,

"Report,

"That they have examined the same and recommend that "they be approved of by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, "and that so much of a Resolution of the Grand Lodge "passed the 23d November, 1795, as directs that *the Grand "Royal Arch Chapter shall hold One stated Annual Chapter, on "the Day preceeding St. John the Evangelist in each Year, and "occasional Chapters when necessity requires,*" be repealed.

(Sign'd) "THOMAS BRADFORD, junr.
"RICHARD BACHE.
"GEORGE A. BAKER, junr."

Which Report was Adopted.

The following is a Copy of the said Rules and Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter as referred to the said Committee on Bye Laws.

In Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvana. At a Stated Annual Grand Chapter, December 26, 5812.

Present, &c.

The Committee appointed to revise, Alter and Amend the Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter made Report, which was read, debated by Paragraphs, and Unanimously adopted, as followeth:

Ancient Masonry consists of Four Degrees. The First Three of which are that of *Apprentice*, the *Fellow Craft*, and the Sublime Degree of *Master*, and a Brother being well versed in these Degrees, and having discharged the Offices of his Lodge, particularly that of *Master*, and fulfilled the Duties thereof with the Approbation of the Brethren of his Lodge, is eligible, on due trial and examination by the Chiefs of the Chapter, to whom he shall have applied, and by them found worthy of being admitted to the Fourth Degree, The Holy Royal Arch.

It follows of Course that every regular Warranted Lodge possesses the power of forming and holding Lodges in each of those several Degrees, the last of which from its pre-eminence is denominated amongst Masons *a Chapter*.

That the said Chapters of the Holy R. A. may be established, held and conducted with the Regularity, Discipline

and Solemnity becoming the Sublime intention with which they have from Time immemorial been held, as an essential component part of Ancient Masonry, and that which is the perfection and end of the Beautiful System, the Excellent Masons of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania according to the Old Institutions, assembled and constitutionally convened in General Grand Chapter of the H. R. A. have carefully collected, revised and adopted the following Regulations for the Government thereof; that under the sanction of the Grand Lodge they may be transmitted to every regular Warranted Lodge on the Register, and be solemnly and finally made a part of the Book of Laws and Regulations of the Craft.

I. That no Chapter of H. R. A. shall be held or convened within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, but under the Authority and sanction of a regular subsisting Warrant granted by the Grand Lodge according to the Old Institutions and by the consent of the said Lodge first signified to the Grand Chapter.

II. That no Chapter of H. R. A. shall be convened and held for the purpose of making Royal Arch Masons unless Six regular registered Royal Arch Masons be present.

III. That no Brother shall be admitted into the H. R. A. but he who has regularly and faithfully passed through the Three progressive Degrees, and has filled and performed the Office of W. Master in his Lodge, or passed the Chair by a Dispensation of the R. W. Grand Master, to ascertain which in either Case, they shall deliver to him a Certificate to the following purport:

"To the presiding Chiefs of the Chapter of Excellent Royal Arch Masons under the Sanction of Lodge N°. Whereas, our trusty and well beloved Brother a Geometric Master Mason and Member of our Lodge has solicited us to recommend him as a Master Mason every way qualified, so far as we are judges of the necessary qualifications for passing the Holy Arch, We do hereby Certify that the said our trusty and well beloved Brother has obtained the consent of Our Lodge N°. for the recommendation and signing of this Certificate. Given under Our Hands and

the Seal of our said Lodge this Day of A. D. 18 , A. L. 58 . A., M.
L. S. B., S. W.
Secy. C., J. W.

IV. That a General Grand Chapter of the H. R. A. shall be held quarterly on the Third Monday in February, May, August and November in each Year, and that none but Past and present Chiefs of Chapters duly and regularly formed under the sanction of a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Registered and Past and present Grand Officers, (being Royal Arch Masons,) shall be Members thereof. And Royal Arch Masons, Members of private Chapters and Certified Sojourners to be admitted as Visitors only.

V. That for the better preservation of the Sublime Degrees of Free Masonry, a Register shall be kept by the Recorders of all Brothers admitted to the Most Excellent Degree, and a Return of Brothers so admitted by the private Chapters of their own or other Lodges, mentioning the Name and Time of Exalting every Brother, shall be presented at the General Grand Chapters held quarterly as aforesaid, to be entered in the Register Book of the General Grand Chapter of the H. R. A.

VI. That on the Admission of a new Brother, the form of the Return to the General Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

"We the Three Chiefs whose names are hereunto subscribed, do Certify that in a Chapter of the H. R. A., convened and held under the sanction and Authority of the Warrant of the W. Lodge, No. our beloved Brothers, A. B., C. D., E. F. and G. H., having delivered to us the proper Certificates and proved themselves by due examination to be well qualified in all the Three Degrees of Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason and to have passed the Chair, were by Us admitted to the Sublime Degree of Excellent Royal Arch Masons. Given under Our Hands and the Seal of Our Chapter, this Day of in the Year of Masonry 58 , and in the Year of Our Lord 18 .

L. S.

A. Z.
B. H. } Chiefs.
C. J.

Recorder.

VII. That all Registered R. A. Masons shall be entitled to a Grand Royal Arch Certificate on the payment of Two Silver Dollars of the United States, for the same, which shall be applied as follows, to wit: Half a Dollar for the Grand Recorder and One Dollar Fifty Cents for the use of the General Grand Chapter.

VIII. The Grand Tyler shall be allowed One Dollar Fifty Cents each meeting for Tyling, serving Notices, &c., &c., to be paid out of the Funds of the Grand Chapter.

IX. That towards defraying the expences of Private Chapters, a sum not less than Eight Silver Dollars shall be charged on and paid by the Brother admitted, at any Chapter within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. One Dollar whereof shall be paid to the General Grand Fund on the Registering of the Brother, and Twenty Five Cents to the Grand Recorder.

X. That a Member of any Lodge within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, recommended by the Master, Wardens and Secretary in Open Lodge, and after due trial and examination, the Brother being a Master Mason and having passed the Chair, shall, if approved by the R. A. Chapter to whom the Brother is recommended, be admitted to the Sublime Degree of an Excellent Royal Arch Mason, and that Sojourners not residents of the State of Pennsylvania, recommended by at least Three Excellent Royal Arch Masons, and on the approbation of the Chapter to whom they shall have applied, after due trial and Examination as aforesaid, shall also be admitted to the Sublime Degree of Excellent Royal Arch Masons.

XI. That Excellent R. A. Companions producing proper Certificates from any Chapter under the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, in which they were admitted to the Satisfaction of the Grand Chief in Philadelphia, the Grand Recorder or any Two of them, shall be entitled to be Registered and receive a Grand Royal Arch Certificate immediately if required, for which the Grand Recorder shall make his Report at the next Grand Chapter.

XII. That at the Quarterly General Grand Chapter held in

November in every Year, the said General Grand Chapter shall elect their Officers, saving that the R. W. Grand Master for the Time being, if of that Degree, shall be the First Grand Chief, make their own Bye Laws, and shall hear and decide upon all complaints and Appeals from Chapters held under the Warrants granted, or to be granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Whereupon, On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, Unanimously, that a Copy of the said Regulations be transmitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for their Approbation, and Brothers Kerr, Lippincott and Newcomb were appointed a Committee to present the said Copy, who are also authorized respectfully to request the R. W. Grand Lodge to Repeal so much of their Third Resolution of November 23d, 1795, as Orders that *the Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall hold One stated Annual Chapter on the Day preceding St. John the Evangelist, in each Year, and Occasional Chapters when necessity requires.*

A true Extract from the Minutes.

(Sign'd) THOS. AMIES, Recorder, P. T."

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 71, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of "Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto be- "longing:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred the "Bye Laws of Orange Lodge, No. 71, having attended to "the Duty Assigned to them, Report,

"That the following Amendment is necessary, Viz:

"Add to the Section 12th, or except he be a Sojourner.

"In Section 4, Line 5, after the word 'before,' insert these "words, '*and having the unanimous Vote of the Members* "*present.*'

(Sign'd) "THOMAS BRADFORD, jun.
"RICHARD BACHE."

"Philada., 17th Nov., 1812."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 17th December last, on the

Petition of Joseph H. Vanderslice, made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom the Petition of J. H. Vander-"slice was referr'd, Respectfully Report, That they have at-"tended to the Duty Assigned them, and are of Opinion that "the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted. There-"fore, offer the following Resolution,

"Resolved, That J. H. Vanderslice have leave to withdraw "his Petition.

(Sign'd) "SAMUEL LIPPINCOTT, T.
"THOMAS AMIES.
"JOHN DARRAGH."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 16th November last to devise a mode of preventing Persons rejected in other States from being made in Lodges under this Jurisdiction made Report, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee appointed at the last Adjourned Meeting "for the purpose of devising a Mode to prevent persons in "other States from being made Masons under the Juris-"diction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, beg leave "to offer the following observations and Resolutions for "the Consideration of the Grand Lodge:

"It appears to Your Committee that persons who have been "rejected on Application to be Initiated in the Mysteries of "Masonry by Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand "Lodge, have, after such Rejections, been made Masons by "Lodges out of this State and within the Jurisdiction of other "Grand Lodges.

"It also appears that Persons having been rejected on Ap-"plication for Initiation by Lodges under the Jurisdiction of "other Grand Lodges, have, after such rejection, been made "Masons by Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"We conceive that this evil is an infringement of the "Ancient Rules of Masonry, and may gradually undermine

"that Harmony and Friendly intercourse between the differ-
"ent Grand Lodges, which is essential to the well being of Our
"Order, that it paves the way for the Admission of improper
"Persons to the enjoyment of rights and Privileges to which
"they are not entitled, and that it lessens or may lessen the
"respectability of an Institution established for the preservation
"and promotion of Charity and of social Communication.
"Therefore,

"Resolved, That no Dispensation to make a Mason shall be
"granted to any Lodge unless the Applicant is an Actual in-
"habitant of a place within the Jurisdiction of this Grand
"Lodge, or if not such an inhabitant, unless some reason be
"expressly stated in writing to the R. W. the Grand Master or
"other Officer exercising his Functions, sufficient in his or
"their estimation to warrant an exception from the general
"fixed and established rule.

"Resolved, That no Person residing within the Jurisdiction
"of this Grand Lodge, who may hereafter be made a Mason
"by Dispensation from the R. W. Grand Master, or other
"proper Officer of any other Grand Lodge will be recognized
"as such, unless previous to such recognition, a Certificate or
"other proper Voucher shall be produced from the Grand Sec-
"retary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by which it
"shall appear that such person has not been reported to him
"as a rejected Applicant.

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to trans-
"mit a Copy of these Resolutions to the Grand Lodges of New
"York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.

(Sign'd) "JAMES HARPER, jun^r.
"JOS. BARNES.
"SAMUEL BADGER."

Which Report and Resolution were Adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 16th November last, respecting Bro^r. John A. Rohr and Smith Allison, made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Ma-
"sonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee who were appointed by Resolution of the "16th November, 1812, A. L. 5812, to summon Bro^r. John "A. Rohr and Smith Allison to appear before them and "shew cause why they should not be expelled from the "Institution of Free Masonry,

"Beg leave respectfully to Report, That they sum- "moned before them the above named Bro^rs. Rohr and Alli- "son, who offered the following Reasons why they should not "be expelled from the Institution of Free Masonry.

"Bro^r. Rohr exhibited the annexed Memorial which your "Committee pray may be read and taken as a part of this "Report.

"Your Committee further state Bro^rs. Rohr and Allison "Zealously insisted on the purity of their Motives in the "matter complained of, which they said were evinced,

"1st. From the circumstance, that the publication was made "with the previous knowledge of Members of this R. W. "Grand Lodge, and that no Brother ever advised them not to "publish the work.

"2nd. That the Original was shewn to Brother ——, a "Member of this R. W. Grand Lodge, who said in Case it was "published he would give One Dollar for a Copy, speaking at "the same Time in high commendation of it.

"3rd. That several Members of the R. W. the Grand Lodge "of the State of New York, and particularly William T. "Hunter, Master of a regular Lodge in the City of New York, "advised the publication. That he offered to sell a Number "of Copies which were accordingly forwarded to him, received "and disposed of, and for which he sent a Letter of Thanks to "Bro^r. Allison.

"Bro^rs. Rohr and Allison contended, that the Book itself "contains nothing objectionable, that it divulges no secrets, "that to the world it gives no information, and that there was "no imposition intended or practised upon the Craft or others.

"Your Committee have had no proof of the facts contained "in the specifications, Bro^rs. Rohr and Allison declining to "bring Witnesses before them, on principles of alledged deli- "cacy.

"In support of the Assertion that the publication was "harmless, they produced the Book, which after a careful ex- "amination, Your Committee have not been able completely "to decypher.

(Memorial of Bro^r. Rohr above referred to.)

"To Jno. Barnes, Thos. Amies, James Cutbush, William "Page and Samuel H. Jacobs, a Committee of the *G. L.* "of *M.* to report that Bro^r. J. A. Rohr and S. Allison "summoned to appear before them to shew cause why "they should not be expelled from the Institution of "Free Masonry.

"John A. Rohr begs leave to state that so far as he has "been able to ascertain, the object of the appointment of the "Committee, (as it respects him,) is to enquire concerning the "propriety of his suffering his Name to be affixed to the Title "page of a Book entitled Lectures on the Three First Degrees "of Masonry.

"I am happy Brethren that an inquiry on this subject has "been instituted, for I would not that any Brother Mason "should conceive it to have been my intention to publish or "to affix my Name to a publication containing any of the "secrets of Masonry, on the honor of a Mason, and by every "tie which binds man to man. I declare that it always was "and is my opinion that the Book *aluded* to, contains nothing "which would lead to a development of those Mysteries that "have *been* so long concealed from knowledge of all but the "initiated.

"Is there any human being acquainted with the attendant "ceremonies of our Order, who would believe that I intended "at once to break those sacred Obligations from which no "earthly power can absolve me? and even if I were so hard- "ened, even if I should be so deaf to the Voice of reason and "of my conscience, without concealment on the very thres- "hold as it were, of this revealer of Masonic Mysteries, on the "*Title* page of the Book itself. Should I so heedlessly expose "my name to the view of those who would be the first to con- "demn and disavow my infamy? No, brethren, had my "object been to explain Mysteries, I should not have put my

"Name to the Book. I should have acted secretly myself, "tho' I revealed Secrets to others. But once more let me as- "sure you on the same sacred pledge before made, that at the "time I gave my consent to have my name put to the title "page of this Book, I did not think the matter contained in "it at all injurious to the Craft, I did not think any improper "expression or sentiment contained in the work. Should the "Committee differ from me in sentiment on the Subject, I "shall be sorry, very sorry, and if they will point out any "mode in which the mischief may be repaired by me, I shall "acquiesce *within* it.

"With respect,

(Sign'd) "J. A. Rohr."

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro^rs. Rohr and Allison having published a Book purporting to be on Free Masonry without the knowledge and approbation of the R. W. the Grand Master, or of the Officers of the R. W. the Grand Lodge, have violated their Duty as Masons, and that they be reprimanded in Open Grand Lodge by the R. W. the Grand Master, and make open Acknowledgment and recantation of their misconduct.

A Charge was made by Lodge N°. 19, against Bro^r. William Snyder, the Grand Tyler, and read and is as follows, to wit:

"Resolved, That the Conduct of Bro^r. Snyder, Tyler, in re- "fusing to Tyle this Evening for this Lodge according to "Custom and Duty, as his Time does not expire until S^t. "John's Day next, and in depriving the Lodge of its usual "necessaries, and using Language slanderous to the Character "of the Lodge, is highly reprehensible and deserving a repre- "sentation to the Grand Lodge, and the W. Master, P. Mas- "ters and Wardens, are desired to represent it accordingly. "Extract from the Minutes of Lodge N°. 19, December 17, "A. D. 1812.

(Sign'd) "John Hellings, Secr^y

Whereupon, Resolved, That Bro^rs. Kerr, Newcomb, Darragh, Barnes and Wager be a Committee to Examine into the premisses and Report.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That there be prepared and laid on the Pedestal an Alphabetical Book, wherein shall be registered by the Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges, a correct and true Account of all rejections and Expulsions which may occur in their respective Lodges, when sanctioned by the Grand Lodge.

The following Returns of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge No. 3, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 102, held at Frankford. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas H. Norton, W. M.; Bro^r. John Livensetter, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Worrell, J. W.; Bro^r. George C. Troutman, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Whitaker, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Carter, W. M.; Bro^rs. Peter Wolford, S. W.; Bro^r. William Forgrave, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Allwine, Secretary; Bro^r. Daniel Saint, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 9th January, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Special Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., Senior Grand Deacon.
" Lambert Keatting, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Bro^r. Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Esqr., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 84, 91, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 128, 131 and 134 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that by an Estimate made by the New Hall Building Committee it appeared that a further sum of about $5000 is wanting for the entire completion of the New Hall and Appurtenances, and that he had directed the Brethren to be convened for the purpose of considering of the propriety of raising that sum by way of a Loan.

A Plan of a Loan was thereupon presented and read, and Unanimously Adopted as follows, to wit:

Whereas, the Funds of this Grand Lodge provided for the erection of the New Hall have proved insufficient for the purpose, and a sum of about Five Thousand Dollars is wanting to discharge all the Debts owing and to be incurr'd for the entire completion of the said Building and its appurtenances, Therefore,

Resolved Unanimously, That this Grand Lodge will borrow the further sum of Five Thousand Dollars, in Shares of One Hundred Dollars each, at an Interest of Six per Cent. per Annum, payable Half Yearly, in the same manner as the Interest is payable on the First and Second Loans, and the Principal to be repaid after the repayment of the said First and Second Loans, Provided, Nevertheless, that it shall be optional with this Grand Lodge to repay the Principal at any Time before, out of voluntary subscriptions to be made by individual Brethren, or by Lodges under this Jurisdiction, for which purpose a subscription shall be opened immediately to receive the Donations of all such Brethren and Lodges who are willing to contribute towards the same, and the amount received shall be exclusively applied to the re-payment of this Loan.

Resolved, Unanimously, That a Committee of Nine Brethren be appointed to receive said subscriptions and Donations, to be paid over, as received, to the Grand Treasurer, who shall keep a separate Account of the same, and that whenever there shall be the amount of Five Hundred Dollars in his Hands, the same shall be applied towards discharging and extinguishing so much of the Principal of the said Loan of Five Thousand Dollars, and so from Time to Time until the said whole Loan of Five Thousand Dollars and Interest shall be fully paid Off and discharged.

Resolved, Unanimously, That for the further security of the lender or lenders of the said sum of Money of Five Thousand Dollars, the Trustees in whom the legal Title to the lot whereon the New Hall is erected, be directed to execute a Mortgage to the said lender or lenders, Mortgaging the said New Hall and Lot of Ground and Premisses in the most legal and substantial Manner, (Subject, Nevertheless, to the Mortgages on the same for the First and Second Loans,) for the repayment of the said Loan of Five Thousand Dollars and Interest in manner aforementioned.

Resolved, Unanimously, That the Grand Officers be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners to Negotiate the said Loan.

Resolved, Unanimously, That the R. W. Grand Master appoint the said Committee of Nine Brethren for receiving of subscriptions and Donations, and that the Grand Secretary notify the Brethren of their Appointment.

Resolved, Unanimously, That the Grand Secretary transmit a Copy of the foregoing proceedings to the different Lodges.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Half past 4 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 18th January, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present.

Bro^r. Richard Tybout, R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Lambert Keatting, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Bayse Newcomb, Esqr., Senior Grand Deacon.
" John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 92, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 131 and 134 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Due Form, (the R. W. Deputy Grand Master being in the Chair,) at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master informed the Brethren that they had been convened for the purpose of taking into Consideration the Heads of an Agreement proposed by the New Hall Building Committee, for letting parts of the lower part of the New Hall to Victor Guillou. The parts proposed to be let are

The Eastern Kitchen and Cellar.

The large (or Ball) Room on the First Floor.

The Two side Rooms, (called the Ladies Coffee Room and the Gentlemens, or Bar Room,) on the same Floor.

The Front and East Entries on the same Floor, and the Eastern Room in the Middle or Half Story, and the small or side Room or Closet adjoining the same.

The Heads of the said Agreement were read and are as follows, to wit:

M^r. Guillou Agrees to pay the Rent of Eighteen Hundred Dollars, the Lease to begin from the 1st Day of January, 1813, to the 1st Day of May, 1816, Three Years and Four Months, the Rent to be paid quarterly.

He will pay Cash for the Wood and Oil, (being the Wood and Oil now on Hand belonging to the Grand Lodge).

There shall be an Inventory made of all the property belonging to the Grand Lodge to be left for his Use. He will engage to make good all breakage and other Damage done to any part thereof, to the satisfaction of the Committee.

He shall not suffer any strong Liquor or Wine to be sold by the Person or Persons he may employ, except the necessary and customary refreshments at Concerts, Balls, &c.

He shall not let any part for any School whatsoever.

He shall have every part kept in the best Order of Cleanliness, and have the Apartments open as often as possible in Summer, for Airing and preventing Dampness, &c.

He shall take care to have the Flews or Pipes of the Stoves and Chimnies cleaned in due Time, as it is customary.

He shall also take care that his Scholars do no Damage or injury to the Walls, Wooden Work and Doors of the different Rooms outside or inside, nor to the Grass plot in front of the Building.

He shall fulfil the Contracts made by the Committee with the Gentlemen of the Amateur's Concert, and for the Balls already engaged, the proceeds whereof shall be his.

The Committee shall reserve for the Grand Lodge the use of the Hall, &c., for the Two St. John's in June and December in each and every Year, and if either fall on Sunday, then the Day following. Also, for forming of Procession in Case of Funeral or other Processions. And One Room for the Annual Election of Trustees of the Masonic Loans on the First Monday in January annually, And Also, One Room for the Quarterly Meetings of said Trustees on the Third Monday of January, April, July and October in each Year.

The Committee shall have the right from Time to Time by themselves or a Person by them appointed to enter into every apartment and examine the Furniture, &c., and to make the necessary observation to Mr. Guillou.

Mr. Guillou shall not Assign the Lease in part or in the whole, to any person whomsoever without the Approbation of the Committee in writing.

Any Damage done to the walls or Wooden and Marble Work, shall be made good by Mr. Guillou to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Mr. Guillou shall give sufficient Security for all the above also to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approve of the said Agreement.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Officers, in behalf of this Grand Lodge, execute a Lease to Victor Guillou, of the above-mentioned Premises, agreeably to the foregoing Heads of an Agreement made with him.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Lease be drawn by Bro. Grand Secretary and his Son.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 4 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st March, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. RICHARD TYBOUT, R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Samuel Lippincott, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun., Senior Grand Deacon.
" John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.

Bro^r. James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Grand Secretary, P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 59, 66, 67, 70, 71, 81, 91, 92, 102, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 127, 128, 131 and 134 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form, (the R. W. Deputy Grand Master being in the Chair,) at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Grand General and Grand Special Communications were read.

A Petition was read from divers Ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge at the House of Aaron Levering, Sign of General Washington, on the Ridge Road, in Roxborough Township, Philadelphia County, 8 Miles from the City of Philadelphia, under the Name of "The Roxborough Lodge," and that Bro^r. John Conrad might be named W. Master; Bro^r. William Lawson, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Morris Starne, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in Due Form and recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, It was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 135.

A Petition was read from divers Ancient York Master Masons, all lately Members of Lodge N°. 102, held at Frankford, praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge at the House of Jeremiah Barrel, in Abington Township, Montgomery County, under the Name of "Friendship Lodge," and that Bro^r. Joseph Thomas might be Named W. Master; Bro^r. Jeremiah Barrel, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. John Fitzwater, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in Due Form and recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, It was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and

that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 136.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That from the Grand Quarterly Communication in September last, to the Grand Quarterly Communication in December last, he had receiv'd the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit: (said Report having been omitted in December last).

For Dispensation, ...	$150.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, . .	49.14
For a Book of Ahiman Rezon, . .	.67
Of Lodge N°. 60, Dues, . . .	81.67
Of Lodge N°. 122, Dues, . . .	29.07
Total	$310.55

Which was Ordered to be Entered on the Minutes.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That since the last Grand Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$105.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, . .	21.84
For 8 Books of Ahiman Rezon, . .	5.67
Of Lodge N°. 100, Dues, . . .	18.79
Of Lodge N°. 108, Dues, . . .	20.
Of Lodge N°. 132, Dues, . . .	26.60
Total	$197.90

Which was Ordered to be Entered on the Minutes.

The Grand Secretary Communicated, That in compliance with a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 9th January last, the R. W. Grand Master has been pleased to Appoint the following Brethren a Committee to receive Subscriptions and Donations towards re-paying the Sum of Five Thousand Dollars Authorized on that Day to be obtained on Loan, to wit: Richard Tybout, Walter Kerr, Joseph L. Lewis, Samuel Lippincott, T., James Harper, jun^r., Samuel Jackson, Charles W. Westphall, Thomas Amies and Richard Bache.

The Grand Secretary further Communicated, That in Obedience to a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the said 9th

January last, he had transmitted a Copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of that Day together with the Appointment of the above mentioned Committee to the different Lodges held in this City.

The Grand Secretary presented the Counterpart of the Lease to Victor Guillou, for parts of the Hall let to him under a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 18th January last, Also an Obligation from the said Victor Guillou and his Security, Anthony Laussat, for the payment of the Rent and performance of Covenants, &c., all duly Executed, Which were Approved of.

The Committee of Accounts Reported, that they had Examined the Account of Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford, late Grand Treasurer, with the Grand Lodge, and that they found a balance due from him on S^t. John's Day last of $801.30, which sum he had since paid to the present Grand Treasurer, Bro^r. Walter Kerr, Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Amendments to the Bye Laws of Amacetia Lodge, N°. 116, as follows: "That they have attentively considered the said Amendments "and approve of them," Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee on the Dispute between Lodge N°. 19 and Bro^r. William Schneyder, Tyler, Reported, That they had met on the Subject, That the parties had attended, and that the Dispute had been adjusted by the Parties. The Committee therefore Offered the following Resolution: "Resolved, That "the Committee appointed in the above Case be discharged "from any further attention to it."

Which Report was Accepted and the Committee discharged.

A Letter was read from Bro^r. Francis Shallus, Secretary Pro Temp. of Lodge N°. 72, informing respecting a certain Lodge said to be held in the Northern Liberties. Whereupon, Bro^rs. Burden, Jones, Keatting, Reilly and Amies were appointed a Committee to enquire respecting the holding of Illegal Lodges in the Northern Liberties and to Report.

Said Letter also Communicated the Suspension of Bro^r. G—— O—— for 3 Months from the 13th Ultimo, for Unmasonic Conduct.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 2nd September last, was read and Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of November last, was read and Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication was receiv'd from Lodge No. 19, held in this City, informing of the Rejection of J—— M——.

A Communication was received from the same Lodge informing of the restoration of Bro^r. Jacob Coats, who was formerly Expell'd for Non-payment of Dues.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges, were received and read, to wit:

Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster, Viz: Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel Humes, W. M.; Bro^r. Nathaniel Lightner, S. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Le Fevre, J. W.; Bro^r. Henry E. Heinitsch, Secretary; Bro^r. Benjamin Ober, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 45, held at Pittsburgh. Election Return, returning Bro^r. George Robinson, W. M.; Bro^r. John Gorman, S. W.; Bro^r. Henry Baird, J. W.; Bro^r. Dennis S. Scully, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Graham, Treasurer. Return of Members, Containing the Rejections of N—— C—— and S—— K——, and the Expulsions of J—— P—— and J—— H——, for Non-payment of Dues. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 50, held at West Chester, Chester County. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Isaac Tussey, jun^r., W. M.; Bro^r. William Darlington, S. W.; Bro^r. Abner Miller, J. W.; Bro^r. Isaac Darlington, Secretary; Bro^r. John Duer, jun^r., Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the rejection of J—— H—— D——, Physician. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 52, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Restoration of Brian Drum, Esqr., who was Expell'd in December last for Non-payment of Dues. Communication of the Rejection of H—— E——.

Lodge No. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Patrick Carson, W. M.; Bro^r. Patrick Duff, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Shaw, J. W.; Bro^r. William Sweeny, Secre-

tary; Bro^r. Thomas McClean, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of J—— M^cE——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. Communication of the Rejection of A—— M^cC——.

Lodge N°. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Jesse Fell, Esqr., W. M.; Bro^r. Eleazer Blackman, S. W.; Bro^r. Isaac Bowman, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas B. Overton, Secretary; Bro^r. Enoch Ogden, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 66, held in Caernarvon Township, Berks County. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Matthias Kaler, Esqr., W. M.; Bro^r. Daniel Ubil, S. W.; Bro^r. Philip Umstead, J. W.; Bro^r. George Baum, Secretary; Bro^r. John Umstead, Treasurer. Return of Members. A Petition from said Lodge stating that they are unable to pay their just Dues to the Grand Lodge owing to a Number of their Members having left their Lodge without paying their Dues, and praying the Grand Lodge to remit part of their Dues. Which was referr'd to Bro^rs. T. Bradford, jun^r., Lippincott and G. A. Baker, jun^r., to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 100, held at Catawissa. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Stacy Marjarum, W. M.; Bro^r. Philip Moyer, S. W.; Bro^r. Charles Ent, J. W.; Bro^r. William Brewer, Secretary; Bro^r. Jacob Kline, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of T—— P——, and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 102, held at Frankford. Communication of the Re-instatement on the 14th January last, of Samuel Felty, who had been before Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.

Lodge N°. 108, held at Wysox and Orwell. Election Return, returning Bro^r. George Scott, W. M.; Bro^r. Rogers Fowler, S. W.; Bro^r. Theron Darling, J. W.; Bro^r. Ebenezer Tuttle, Secretary; Bro^r. Cyp Grant, Treasurer. Return of Members, Containing the rejection of J—— F——, and the Expulsion of A—— M——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 110, held at Connell's Ville, Fayette County. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 117, lately held at New Orleans. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to Decem^r. last. A Letter from said

Lodge, together with their Warrant which they have surrendered, they having joined the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Lodge No. 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Charles W. Westphall, W. M.; Bro^r. Andrew Busch, S. W.; Bro^r. Charles Hupfield, J. W.; Bro^r. G. F. Scheible, Secretary; Bro^r. Jacob Belsterling, Treasurer. Account or Return of Members, and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. James Hamill, W. M.; Bro^r. John Hamill, S. W.; Bro^r. John Town, J. W.; Bro^r. Henry Witmer, Secretary; Bro^r. David Cook, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Rejection of G—— S——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 130, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 132, held in Brandywine Township. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Williamson, W. M.; Bro^r. John J. Holstein, S. W.; Bro^r. William McFarlan, J. W.; Bro^r. Effinger Happersett, Secretary; Bro^r. Jonathan Jones, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at ¼ past 9 o'clock in the Evening, to meet on the First Monday in April at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 20th March, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" William Page, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

Bro^r. George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., Esqr., Senior Grand Deacon.
" Nathan Bunker, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 84, 92, 105, 108, 113, 114, 121, 125, 126 and 134 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 4 P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that they had been convened for the purpose of receiving a Petition praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge. Whereupon,

A Petition was read from divers Ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in the Borough and County of Bedford, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that Bro^r. Samuel Riddle might be named W. Master; Bro^r. Charles J. Smith, S. Warden, and Bro^r. George W. Barker, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, It was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 137.

It having been stated that the Money sent on by the Petitioners for the above Warrant, was short of the Cost of the Warrant and Dispensation to Constitute, it was

On Motion, Resolved, That they be allowed a Credit of Ninety Days for the payment of the balance.

The Grand Secretary stated that the Edition of the Ahiman Rezon heretofore published by this Grand Lodge was nearly disposed of. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be a Committee to take

the Subject into Consideration and Report the most expedient Plan for preparing and publishing a New Edition of the same.

The Grand Secretary Stated, That the Grand Lodge at their last Meeting had Adjourned to the First Monday in April next, on the suggestion that the New Hall Building Committee would make their Report on that Day. That it however now appeared that they could not be ready to Report on the First Monday, but would in all probability be ready to Report on the Third Monday in the next Month.

Whereupon, It was Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do not meet on the First Monday in April next according to said Adjournment, but that a Meeting be had on the Third Monday in April next, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 5 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 19th April, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Grand Extra Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Lambert Keatting, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" William Wray, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Joseph Barnes, Esqr., Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Frederick Erringer, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" John Paul L. Schott, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Dep^y. Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. Past D. G. M.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 103, 105, 108, 114, 125, 126, 127, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at Half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The New Hall Building Committee made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the "R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdic- "tion thereunto belonging:

"The New Hall Building Committee, Respectfully beg "leave to Report:

"That the New Hall of Your R. W. Grand Lodge and all "its Appurtenances have been completely finished, Except a "pair of Lamps, which are contemplated to be placed on the "Cheek Blocks of the Steps at the Front Door and the Figures "intended for the Three Niches, And that all Claims and "Debts have been paid, and all Accounts respecting the "Building finally settled and closed, Except the Account of "Joseph Jordon for Plastering, which remains open. Accord- "ing to the Account rendered by the Measures of his Work, "it would appear that he was over paid; but he objected to "the Mode of Measurement, insisting that the Measurement "which was made according to the Old Method, ought to have "been made according to the New Method. But he is also to "be credited the cost of the Moulds for the centre pieces in the "ceiling, which Centres he was to do Gratis, the Committee "paying the Cost of the Moulds. He procured the Moulds "but never furnished the Committee with an Account of their "Cost. Your Committee, however, are of Opinion that his "Account will remain unsettled, as Bro^r. Jordan has since "died Insolvent.

"Your Committee beg leave herewith to present their Ac- "counts, which are subjoined to this Report, and are as fol- "lows, to wit:

"Account marked A, Contained on pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and "11, being an Account of all Monies received as Dona- "tions towards erecting the New Hall, Amounting to "$9298.

"Account marked B, Contain'd on pages 12 and 13, being an "Account of all Monies, other than Donations, received "towards erecting the New Hall, Amounting to "$64487.67.

"Account marked C, Contain'd on pages 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, "19, 20 and 21, being an Account of Monies paid for "Materials and for the Erecting and Compleating of "the New Hall and Appurtenances, whereby it appears "that the Cost of the New Hall and all its appurten-"ances is $67850.67½.

"Note. The Committee would here state that the Sum of "$14166.67 was paid by the Grand Treasurer to Wil-"liam Waln, on the 4th December, 1809, in extinguish-"ment of the Ground Rent of the New Hall Lot, which "Sum added to the Cost of the Hall and Appurten-"ances, make the entire Cost of the Lot and Hall and "all Improvements $82017.34½.

"Account marked D, Contained on Pages 22 and 23, being an "Account of Monies paid for Furniture for the Upper "parts of the New Hall. Also for Grand Lodge "Jewells, Aprons, Sashes, &c. And of the Expences "of the Procession and Consecration and Dedication "of the New Hall amounting to $4962.78.

"Account marked E, Contained on Page 24, being an Ac-"count of Monies paid for Furniture for the Lower "parts of the New Hall, Salary to Samuel Blanchard "for Attending the same, and for Fuel, Light and "other Expences Amounting to $2524.86½.

"Account marked F, Contained on Page 25, being an Ac-"count of Monies received for Rent of the lower parts "of the New Hall, and for the Wood, Oil and Candles "which were on Hand at the Time the said lower parts "were Leased to Victor Guillou, Amounting to the "sum of $2524.86½, being the precise Cost of furnish-"ing the said Rooms and Attendance, &c.

"Note. In addition to the said Monies received, the Com-"mittee have also a Note of Hand of Flotant Meline "for $33.50, balance of Rent of the Rooms for Two

"Nights for Concerts. He did not make as much by "his Concerts as his Expences amounted to, and the "Committee found they could not do any better than "take his Note of Hand for the balance of the Rent.

"Account marked G, Contained on pages 26 and 27, being an "Account Current wherein all the beforementioned Ac- "counts are respectively brought to the Debit and "Credit thereof, and whereby it appears that there is "now in the Hands of Bro^r. Baker, Treasurer to the "Committee, a balance of $972.21½, Subject to the Or- "der of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

"Account marked H, Contained on Pages 28, 29 and 30, being "a List of Monies Subscribed as Donations towards "Erecting the New Hall but which have not been "paid, Amounting to $1617, some of which, however, "may yet be received.

"Your Committee further Report, That there is one of the "largest size Pyramid, Stoves and Pipes remaining on Hand "for Sale, (Two having been procured for the large lower "Room, and one having afterwards been found sufficient,) also "a Sett of Back and Jambs taken out of the Chimney in the "lower East Front Room at the Time said Chimney was shut "up and a Stove placed there, and also some Building Stones "and a Number of Scaffold Poles.

"The Lamps for the Front Steps and the Figures for the "Niches not having been procured by the Committee, princi- "pally because it could not until the completion of the Build- "ing, be ascertained how far their funds would reach, and it "now appearing that there is a surplus of Money, the R. W. "Grand Lodge will please to direct whether Lamps and Fig- "ures shall be procured or not.

"Your Committee regret the loss of their Fellow Member, "their late Worthy Brother Robert M'Cullagh, whose services "in the Committee were very essential. They, however, "fondly Hope and Trust that the loss to them of his services "was his gain.

"The Committee think themselves in duty bound to state "that great services were rendered to them by our Worthy

"Brother, Thomas Entrikin, in attending on their behalf to "the Measurement of the Plasterers Work, the Painters Work, "and other business Appertaining to the Building.

"Lastly, Your Committee would beg leave to observe, That "if, during the Course of their Agency in the great Task "allotted to them, any Thing should have been left undone "by them which ought to have been done, or any Error com-"mitted, the same may, in Charity, be ascribed to the Head "and not to the Heart.

"All which is most Respectfully Submitted.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Thomas Passmore.
"Rich^D. Tybout.
"George A. Baker."

"Philadelphia, 15th April, 1813."

Whereupon, the said Accounts were referred to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and Report thereon at the next Meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Brother Baker presented his proper Accounts as Grand Secretary brought up to this day, as also his Account as Grand Secretary for the payment of Interest of the Masonic Loans, both of which were referred to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and Report thereon.

The Committee appointed on the Communication from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Ancient York Masons made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

"The Committee to whom was referred the Communication "from the newly established Grand Lodge of Louisiana at "New Orleans, beg leave to report, that they have examined "the said Communication and find that five Lodges of Ancient "York Masons, duly constituted at New Orleans aforesaid, (to "wit) the Lodge La parfaite Union, N°. 29, constituted by the "R. W. Grand Lodge of S. Carolina, The Lodges La Charite, "N°. 93, La Concorde, N°. 117, La Perseverance, N°. 118 and "L'Etoile Polaire, N°. 129, all of them constituted by the

"Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, having met in Grand Con-
"vention at several times and determined that the true Inter-
"est of the Craft required their forming and establishing a
"Grand Lodge. That on the 13th Day of June last, the Grand
"Convention met and Unanimously agreed that on Saturday,
"the 20th of the said Month, they should proceed to the Elec-
"tion of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and other
"Grand Officers, to form the Grand Lodge of the State of
"Louisiana, free and independent of all other Masonic Juris-
"diction, under the Style and Title of the Grand Lodge of
"Louisiana, Ancient York Masons. That on the said day the
"Convention proceeded by ballot to the said election, when
"the following brethren were duly elected:

"The Wl. P. F. Dubourg, W. Mr. of La parfaite Union, No.
"29, G. Master.

"The Honble. Wl. L. C. Moreau Lislet, Past Master of
"L'Etoile Polaire, D. G. Master.

"The Wl. John Blanque, W. M. of La Charite, S. G. War-
"den.

"The Wl. Francoise Pernot, W. Mr. of La Concorde, J. G.
"Warden.

"The Wl. J. B. Pinta, Wl. Master of La Perseverance, G.
"Treasurer.

"J. B. Veron, P. M. of La Perseverance, G. Secretary.

"The Wl. Mathurin Pacaud, P. M. of L'Etoile Polaire,
"G. Orr.

"Yves Le Mounier, Jr. Warden of La Charite, G. Purst.

"Augustin MaCarty, J. W. of La Parfaite Union, G.
"Steward.

"That on the same Day the R. W. Grand Master was duly
"and regularly installed, proclaimed, saluted and congratu-
"lated, Agreeably to ancient Form and Usage, and that on the
"11th day of July, 1812, the R. W. Grand Master did proceed
"to the installation of the other Grand Officers elected, &c.,
"which proceedings appear more fully on the records of the
"Grand Convention and of the Grand Lodge.

"They solicit the favour of the esteemed and friendly cor-
"respondence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, their Ap-

"probation of their proceedings, and their kind Assistance and "instructions. They also inform that they have ordered that "the Lodges which have concurred in the formation of their "Grand Lodge, should immediately return their Warrants "and settle their dues, &c. The said Communication is "signed by the R. W. G. Master, P. F. Dubourg; R. W. D. "G. Master, Moreau Lislet; J. Blanque, S. G. Warden; Per-"not, J. G. Warden; J. B. Pinta, G. Treasurer, and F. Vernon, "G. Secretary.

"Your Committee are of Opinion that much good will re-"sult to the Craft by the Establishment of the Grand Lodge "of Louisiana, and beg leave to submit the following resolu-"tions:

"Resolved, that this Grand Lodge do approve of the pro-"ceedings of the Lodges at New Orleans, in forming and "establishing the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and do recog-"nize the said Grand Lodge.

"Resolved, that this Grand Lodge do most cordially accept "the offer made by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Ancient "York Masons, of an interchange of Masonic Communication "and of a brotherly Correspondence.

"Resolved, that Brother Grand Secretary be directed to "forward to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, a Copy of "the aforegoing report and Resolutions, and a letter expres-"sive of the truly fraternal sentiments of this Grand Lodge.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Thomas Bradford, jun^r.
"Joseph Burden.
"Jos. Barnes."

"Philadelphia, April 19, 1813."

Which Report and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee appointed on certain Communications from Lodges N°. 118 and N°. 129, held at New Orleans, and from sundry Brethren, late Members of N°. 118 made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee to whom were referred the Communica-
"tions from Lodge La Perseverance, N°. 118, and L'Etoile
"Polaire, N°. 129, at New Orleans, and also from a Number
"of Brethren formerly Members of Lodge La Perseverance,
"beg leave to report.

"That they have examined all the said Communications
"and find that the said two Lodges having joined in the
"establishing a Grand Lodge at New Orleans under the Title
"of the 'Grand Lodge of Louisiana,' ancient York Masons,
"have respectively sent back their Warrants from this R. W.
"Grand Lodge, settled their dues, and tendered to the Grand
"Lodge their sincerest thanks for the kindness and protection
"they have received from them, and renew the assurances of
"esteem and affection and most fervent wishes for the pros-
"perity of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"Your Committee find by the Communication from a
"Number of brethren, late Members of Lodge La Persever-
"ance, N°. 118, That they pray the R. W. Grand Lodge
"would please to let them have the Warrant, Archives, &c.,
"of the said Lodge, that they may work under the said War-
"rant. Your Committee only beg leave to state that the
"greatest part of the Applicants had withdrawn from the said
"Lodge before the Members agreed to join in establishing the
"Grand Lodge of Louisiana, &c.

"Your Committee beg leave to offer the following resolu-
tions:

"Resolved, that this Grand Lodge approve of the conduct
"of the Lodges La Perseverance and L'Etoile Polaire, and ac-
"cept the surrendering of their Warrants.

"Resolved, that the Prayer of the Petitioners, late Members
"of Lodge La Perseverance, can not be granted.

"P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Thomas Bradford, jun^r.
"Joseph Burden.
"Jos. Barnes."

"Philadelphia, April 19, 5813."

Which Report and Resolutions were adopted.

In compliance with the Resolution passed in Grand Lodge on the Twenty Eighth Day of December, 5812, The Right Worshipful Grand Master Presented the Right Worshipful Brother Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, late Deputy Grand Master, with a Past Master's Jewel of superior Beauty and Appropriate hangings. The Jewel was of Gold and the workmanship of the greatest beauty. The Emblematical devices were finely conceived, and the hangings, made of the richest Materials, were decorated in a corresponding style of taste and elegance. The R. W. Grand Master in an Appropriate address, alluding to the many and signal services rendered the Craft, and Assistance given to himself by Brother Duplessis, besought him to continue his watchful care over the Interest of the institution, and concluded in terms of high commendation of his Zeal, fidelity and ability, tendering him the thanks of the Craft and his own in particular, and wishing him a full measure of the blessings of this life, and of that which is to come.

Brother Duplessis in Answer, requested the R. W. Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, to be assured of the high sense which he entertained of the honor done him by so flattering a Testimonial of his conduct, which, said he, would have been an invaluable reward for real services, whilst his were in his own opinion only supposed ones, and in terms of great sensibility and Affection, reciprocated the good wishes of the Brethren, avowing his devotion to the order and his readiness to employ the feeble remnant of his Days in promoting the Interest and advancement of the ancient Craft. Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 17th May, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present.

Brot. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.

Bro^r. Richard Tybout, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Lambert Keatting, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Richard Bache, Esqr., Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Joseph K. Potts, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, Junior, Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. Past D. G. M.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 67, 70, 71, 77, 84, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 121, 123, 126, 128, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being Represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that the Grand Lodge had been convened this Evening for the purpose of finishing all unfinished business, but more particularly for receiving the Report of the Committee of Accounts on the Accounts of the New Hall Building Committee, and the Accounts of the Grand Secretary. It was then stated that owing to the absence from the City of one of the Members of the Committee of Accounts with whom the Papers were Lodged, the Committee were unable to Report.

The Grand Secretary informed that by the directions of the R. W. Grand Master, he had notified Brothers John A. Rohr and Smith Allison to appear in Grand Lodge this Evening for the purposes expressed in the Resolution of this R. W. Grand Lodge of the Fourth Day of January last, relative to the said John A. Rohr and Smith Allison.

In pursuance of the notification from the Grand Secretary, Brother Smith Allison attended and was admitted. The R. W. Grand Master Reprimanded him in Open Grand Lodge. Bro^r. Smith Allison expressed his regret and sorrow for what he had done, and hoped that his future good conduct would attest the sincerity of his contrition.

A Letter was received from John A. Rohr, declaring his determination not to appear before this R. W. Grand Lodge. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, that John A. Rohr be expelled from the Institution of Free Masonry.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that such duties of Superintendance about the New Hall as were exercised by the New Hall Building Committee, be now transferred to and exercised by the Hall Committee.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th June, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Lambert Keatting, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" William Page, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Joseph Barnes, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, Junior, Deputy Grand Sec^y., P. T.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. Past D. G. M.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 25, 59, 67, 70, 71, 77, 84, 92, 100, 103, 105, 108, 113, 121, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134 and 135 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Grand Special and Grand Extra Communications were read.

A Petition was received and read from divers Ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in Orwigsburgh, in the County of Schuylkill, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Name of "Schuylkill Lodge," and that Brother Theophilus Hughes might be named Worshipful Master; Brother Robert Scott, Senior Warden, and Brother William Nice, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 138.

The Committee of Accounts to whom were referred the Report and Accounts of the New Hall Building Committee made Report, which was read and adopted and is in the words following, to wit:

"We, the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful "the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully Report, that "we have carefully examined the foregoing Accounts of the "New Hall Building Committee and find them correct, leav-"ing a balance due from said Committee to The Grand Lodge "of Nine Hundred and Seventy Two Dollars and twenty one "Cents and a half. We presume it was not the intention of "the Grand Lodge that we should make any other report than "as regards the Accounts, we therefore do not notice the "Articles remaining on hand for Sale, or the Monies sub-"scribed as donations which have not been paid, as reported "by the New Hall Committee.

(Sign'd) "WILLIAM PAGE. } Committee."
"LAMBERT KEATTING. }

"Philadelphia, 7th June, 1813."

An Order was thereupon drawn by the R. W. Grand Master on Bro^r. George A. Baker, Treasurer of the New Hall Building Committee, in favour of the Grand Treasurer for the said balance or sum of $972.21½, and which was immediately paid by Bro^r. Baker to Bro^r. Walter Kerr, Grand Treasurer.

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the New Hall Building Committee be discharged.

The Committee of Accounts made report on the Account of Bro^r. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"We the Committee of Accounts of the R. W. the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully Report, That we have "carefully examined the within Account of the Grand Secre-"tary, from the 27th Decem^r., 1809, to the 19th April, 1813, "and are of Opinion the same is correct, leaving a Balance in "favour of the Grand Lodge of Eighteen Dollars and Twenty "Two Cents and a Half.

(Sign'd) "WILLIAM PAGE. } Committee."
"LAMBERT KEATTING.

"Philad^a., 7 June, 1813."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee of Accounts made Report on the Account of Bro^r. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, respecting the Interest of the Masonic Loans paid by him, commencing 30th December, 1809, and ending the 9th April, 1813, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"We the Committee of Accounts of the R. W. the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully Report, that we have "examined the foregoing Account and find it correct.

"(Sign'd) "WILLIAM PAGE. } Committee."
"LAMBERT KEATTING.

"Philad^a., 7 June, 1813."

Which Report was Accepted.

Note. Said Account is finally closed, all the Interest having been paid in full up to the 1st January last.

The Committee appointed on the Memorial of Lodge N°. 122, held at New Orleans, made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of "Lodge N°. 122, at New Orleans,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have examined the Papers referred to them and "find that Lodge La Concorde, the Lodge against which the "complaint is made, has relinquished the Warrant received "from this Grand Lodge, and is now under the Jurisdiction "of 'The Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Ancient York Masons.' "The offence alledged to have been committed took place in "February, 1811, when that Lodge was under our jurisdic-"tion, and having occurred in consequence of the conduct of "the then W. M., should have been then represented to this "G. L.

"The G. L. of Pennsylvania, having cordially acknowl-"edged the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and opened a Friendly "intercourse with it, it is hoped and recommended that altho' "Lodge N°. 122 prefers to remain under our Jurisdiction yet, "that this circumstance will not disturb that Harmony which "it is stated in the proceedings of N°. 122, hath hitherto ex-"isted between her and her Sister Lodges of Ancient York "Masons in the City of New Orleans, and that the reasons "which have induced N°. 122 to desist from uniting herself "with the Grand Lodge of Louisiana may be removed.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Thomas Bradford, jun^r.
"Walter Kerr.
"Jos. Barnes.
"Joseph Burden."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 1st March last, to enquire respecting the holding of Illegal Lodges in the Northern Liberties, made Report, which was read and Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed with power to summon before them all Persons known to be Masons who are

connected with an Illegal Lodge, lately held in the Northern Liberties, but now in Filbert Street, to shew Cause why they should not be Expelled from the Institution of Free Masonry, and that they make Report of their proceedings. Bro^rs.^ Burden, Jones and Keatting were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

A Commission duly Executed by Lodge N°. 110, was received and read, Appointing Bro^r.^ Thomas Astley their Proxy to represent the said Lodge in this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, Bro^r.^ Astley was duly recognized as Proxy of the said Lodge N°. 110.

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the List of Subscriptions towards Erecting the New Hall, reported by the New Hall Building Committee as unpaid, be referred for Collection to the Committee appointed to Collect Subscriptions towards repaying the Loan of Five Thousand Dollars obtained in January last, being the last Loan.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to the Brethren composing the Building Committee of the New Masonic Hall, for their services rendered to the Masonic Institution, by a strict attention to and faithful discharge of the Arduous Duties imposed on them.

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Bro^rs.^ Thomas Amies and James Harper, jun^r.,^ be added to the Hall Committee.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following Appointments to fill Vacancies occasioned by Bro^r.^ Hennessy's having ceased to be a Member of this Grand Lodge in consequence of his having withdrawn from his Lodge, Viz:

Bro^r.^ Joseph Barnes, Esqr.,^ Committee of Correspondence.

Bro^r.^ Mark Richards, Committee of Accounts.

Bro^r.^ Thomas Kittera, Esqr.,^ Committee of Publication.

The Office of Deputy Grand Secretary having become Vacant, by reason of Bro^r.^ Hennessy's having withdrawn as above mentioned, The Grand Secretary appointed George A. Baker, jun^r.,^ to fill the said Office of Deputy Grand Secretary, which Appointment was sanctioned by the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony to meet on the Third Monday in the present Month at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st June, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. RICHARD TYBOUT, R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Lambert Keatting, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" John Alexander, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Garret Lynch, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John Paul Schott, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. Past D. G. M.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 19, 67, 70, 72, 77, 91, 103, 105, 108, 113, 121, 126, 131, 134 and 127 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Due Form, (the R. W. D. G. M. being in the Chair,) at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That from the 19th April last, (up to which period his Acco^t. was rendered and settled,) to the 7th Instant, the Day of the Grand Quarterly Communication, he had received the following Monies on Acco^t. of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$50.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, ...	16.38
Total, ...	$66.38

Which was Ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The Committee on the Petition of Lodge N°. 66 made Report, which was read and is as follows:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee to whom was referred a Memorial from "Lodge N°. 66, praying to have a part of their Dues re- "mitted,

"Respectfully Report,

"That it is inexpedient for the Grand Lodge at this "Time to remit the Dues of this Lodge or any part thereof, "but that a reasonable Time be allowed to discharge them. "The Grand Lodge have pledged its revenue towards paying "off the heavy Debt lately incurred, and stronger reasons "ought in the Opinion of the Committee to exist, than does "exist in the present Case to justify any Act which will im- "pair the pledge so solemnly made. Besides, will not the too "easy remission of Dues by the Grand Lodge increase that "carelessness which it is feared often exists in Lodges in col- "lecting the Dues from its Members? It is in the power of "every Lodge to rid themselves of delinquent Members, and "their Neglect to do so does not surely furnish a ground of "Claim on the Grand Lodge to relinquish their demand on "the Lodge.

"It is hoped that as Lodge N°. 66 is stated to be in a thriv- "ing way, that it will be able from Time to Time to make "small payments, so that within a reasonable period the "Arrears may be discharged. The Committee therefore "recommend the following resolution, Viz:

"Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the "Petition of Lodge N°. 66 at this Time.

(Sign'd) "THOMAS BRADFORD, jun^r.
"GEORGE A. BAKER, jun^r.
"SAMUEL LIPPINCOTT, T."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 7th Instant to make enquirey respecting Masons who are connected with an Illegal Lodge lately held in the Northern Liberties, but now in the City, made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

"The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Penn-
"sylvania on the 7th Instant, to summon all such Persons
"known to be Masons who are connected with an Illegal
"Lodge, held formerly in the Northern Liberties, now in
"Filbert Street, to appear before said Committee and shew
"cause, if any they had, why they should not be expelled, beg
"leave to Report,

"That they summoned Henry Snyder, John Bowers and
"George D. Moore, (being the only persons whose Names your
"Committee could ascertain belonging to said Association
"that have not been heretofore Expelled,) to appear before
"your Committee, &c., on Wednesday the 16th Instant, at 3
"o'clock, P. M., at the Committee Room of the New Hall,
"neither of whom appeared before your Committee. A Let-
"ter was received by Brot. Burden, One of the Committee,
"from G. D. Moore, which he now lays before you. Your
"Committee therefore pray that Henry Snyder, John Bowers
"and George D. Moore, be expelled agreeably to resolution of
"the Grand Lodge.

(Sign'd) "JOSEPH BURDEN.
"B. JONES, junr.
"LAMBERT KEATTING."

"Philada., June 19th, A. L. 5813."

At the same Time Brot. Jones, a Member of said Committee, presented a Note from John Bowers, (receiv'd since Signing said Report,) informing that he, Bowers, upon receiving the Note of the Committee, had immediately resigned.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Henry Snyder and George D. Moore be, and they are hereby expelled from the Institution of Free Masonry.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary inform Brot. John Bowers that the decision of his Case is postponed until the next Grand Quarterly Communication, at which Time if sufficient cause is not shown to this Grand Lodge to the contrary, he will be Expelled.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hamp-

shire, of 14th February last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, of 6th March last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon.

A Letter from Bro^r. S—— R. S—— was read, Appealing from the proceedings of Lodge N°. 21, in Suspending him for Non payment of Dues. It not appearing that Bro^r. S—— has given Notice to Lodge N°. 21, of his intention to Appeal, Bro^r. Grand Secretary was directed to inform Bro^r. S—— of the Regulation of the Grand Lodge in such Cases.

A Communication duly Executed by Lodge N°. 45, held at Pittsburgh, appointing Bro^r. George A. Baker, jun^r., their Proxy, was read. Whereupon, Bro^r. Baker was duly recognized as Proxy of said Lodge.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 45, was received and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N°. 64, held at Greensburgh, Viz: Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. John Williams, W. M.; Bro^r. John Smith, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Guthrie, J. W.; Bro^r. M. P. Cassily, Secretary; Bro^r. Griffith Clark, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsions of T—— J—— and M—— C——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 66, Berks County. Communication from said Lodge informing that they have altered the Time of their Stated Monthly Meetings from the last Saturday in the Month, to the Saturday previous to the Full Moon, which was Approved.

Lodge N°. 93, lately held at New Orleans. A Communication from said Lodge with their Returns, &c., and a surrender of their Warrant, which was referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 100, held at Catawissa. A Commission, duly executed, appointing Bro^r. William Alexander their Proxy, who was duly recognized as such.

Lodge N°. 103, held at Havannah. A Communication from said Lodge which was referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming County. Election Return of December last, ret^g. Bro^r. John Cummings, W. M.; Bro^r. James McClintock, S. W.; Bro^r. John McMeens, J. W.; Bro^r. Mordecai Heylmun, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph J. Wallis, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the rejections of R—— H——, J—— M——, B—— P——, J—— M——, R—— R——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 116, held at Elizabeth Town, Lancaster C°. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. George Wolfley, W. M.; Bro^r. William Youse, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Wilson, J. W.; Bro^r. Israel Kurtz, Secretary; Bro^r. Jacob Wolfley, Treasurer. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. Return of Members, containing the rejection of S—— S——.

Lodge N°. 123, held at York Town, Pennsylv^a. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. George Haller, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Abner Thomas, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas McGrath, J. W.; Bro^r. Adolph Wupper, Secretary; Bro^r. Edward Donnelly, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the rejections of A—— E. E—— W—— and M—— F——.

A Petition from said Lodge N°. 123, praying the Grand Lodge to sanction certain of their proceedings, which by reason of long indisposition of their W. Master, they believed had not been strictly correct. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That said proceedings be sanctioned.

Lodge N°. 128, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Expulsion of J—— F——, for withholding Money of the Lodge.

Lodge N°. 135, held at Roxborough. Return to Dispensation for Constituting the said Lodge, whereby it appears that the same was duly Constituted on the 16th April last. A Copy of the Bye Laws, which were referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Thursday, 24 June, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. RICHARD TYBOUT, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" George C. Snyder, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas P. Roberts, Junior Grand Deacon.
" John Paul Schott, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" Elijah Griffith, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 45, 46, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 91, 92, 105, 108, 113, 115, 126, 128, 131, 134 and 151 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Due Form, (the R. W. D. G. M. being in the Chair,) at 10 o'clock in the Morning.

On Motion made and Seconded, Bro^r. B. D. Green, of Lodge N°. 134, was admitted as a Visitor.

The Lodges being called on for their Returns, the following Returns, &c., were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N°. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. George A. Baker, jun^r., W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph Douglass, S. W.; Bro^r. William Ruff, J. W.; Bro^r. John Sommer, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Burden, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Elijah Griffith, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Thomas Pearson, S.

W.; Bro^r. C. J. Burckle, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Wythe, Secretary; Bro^r. John Maull, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 25, held at Bristol. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph P. Minnick, W. M^r.; Bro^r. James Beers, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Hieskell, J. W.; Bro^r. John Phillips, Secretary; Bro^r. John Gosline, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 46, held at Ephrata. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Henry Ream, W. M.; Bro^r. George Kintzel, S. W.; Bro^r. John Garber, J. W.; Bro^r. John Senseman, Secretary; Bro^r. Jacob Koffroth, Treasurer. Petition from said Lodge praying the Grand Lodge to sanction their re-removal from New Holland back to Ephrata, which prayer was granted.

Lodge N°. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Candy Raguet, W. M.; Bro^r. Peter Wager, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert Milnor, J. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Watson, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Biddle, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Frazier, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Benjamin Molineux, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Cooper, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Passey, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Mercer, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Josiah S. Kay, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Kneass, S. W.; Bro^r. David Cox, J. W.; Bro^r. Charles Budd, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Lippincott, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Boyce, W. M.; Bro^r. William Charles, S. W.; Bro^r. John Cork, J. W.; Bro^r. Charles Schneider, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Brobston, Treasurer. Also, Communication of the Expulsion of C—— H—— and E—— A—— for Unmasonic Conduct.

Lodge N°. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election return, returning Bro^r. Edward George, W. M.; Bro^r. J. F. Cononge, S. W.; Bro^r. J. Chauveau, J. W.; Bro^r. J. B. Orso, Secretary; Bro^r. N. Thouron, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Florence Cotter, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas Harper, S. W.; Bro^r. Alexander Napier, J. W.; Bro^r. William Gra-

ham, Secretary; Bro^r. Patrick Boyle, Treasurer. Communication of the Rejection of W—— T——, Brass Founder.

Lodge N°. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas P. Roberts, W. M.; Bro^r. James I. Skerrett, S. W.; Bro^r. John Tolbert, J. W.; Bro^r. John W. Peter, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Keemie, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 119, held at Clifford, Wayne County. Election Return, returning, (Decem^r. last,) Bro^r. Jonathan Wilbur, W. M.; Bro^r. Brewster Freeman, S. W.; Bro^r. Nathan Daniels, J. W.; Bro^r. John P. Kennedy, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Washburn, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Rejections of M—— B—— and U—— S——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Michael Nisbet, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Samuel Durborrow, S. W.; Bro^r. Michael H. Anthony, J. W.; Bro^r. William Richardson, Secretary; Bro^r. Stacy K. Potts, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. David Cook, W. M.; Bro^r. John Town, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert Clark, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Brady, Secretary; Bro^r. James Hamill, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Josiah Randall, W. M.; Bro^r. Andrew Rumsey, S. W.; Bro^r. Alphonso C. Ireland, J. W.; Bro^r. Nathan R. Potts, Secretary; Bro^r. Frederick Erringer, Treasurer.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at ½ past 10 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th September, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. RICHARD TYBOUT, R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.

" Joseph Burden, R. W. S. G. Warden.

Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. J. G. Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Bayse Newcomb, Junr., Senior Grand Deacon.
" Nathan R. Potts, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Marshal.
" James Harper, Junior, Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George W. Bartram, Dep. Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. P. D. G. M.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 91, 92, 103, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 123, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134 and 135 represented.

Twenty Nine Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Due Form, (the R. W. D. G. M. being in the Chair,) at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Grand General and Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communications were read.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That since the last Grand Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$55.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, . . .	21.84
Total	$76.84

Which was ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That agreeably to the 22nd Article of the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, he had on the 7th Ultimo, Notified the undermentioned Lodges of their Delinquency by a Circular Communication to them as follows, to wit:

"Article 22nd of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge of "Pennsylvania.

"Any Lodge in Arrears with this Grand Lodge for Two "Years Dues, shall be Notified thereof by the Grand Secre- "tary, and if their Dues are not discharged within Six Months "from the Date of such Notice, the Warrant of such Lodge

"shall be Considered as Suspended, and unless satisfactory "reasons for such Neglect are adduced to the Grand Lodge at "the next Quarterly Communication, the Warrant of such "Lodge shall be Vacated."

"Philadelphia, 7 August, 1813.

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"Agreeably to the 22nd Article of the Regulations of the "Grand Lodge, (whereof the foregoing is a Copy,) You are "hereby Notified, that Your Lodge is in Arrears with the "Grand Lodge for more than Two Years Dues, and that if "the same are not paid within Six Months from the Date "hereof, the Warrant of Your Lodge will be considered as "Suspended. And unless satisfactory reasons for such Ne-"glect shall be adduced to the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly "Communication in March next, Your Warrant will then be "Vacated.

"I am, &c.,

(Sign'd) "George A. Baker,

"Grand Secretary."

(Address'd to the W. Masters of the following Lodges, Viz):

"No. 11. London Grove Township, Chester County.
" 54. Town of Washington, Washington County.
" 61. Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.
" 68. Town of Mifflin, Mifflin County.
" 75. Pugh Town, Chester County.
" 77. Port D'Espagne, Island of Trinidad.
" 79. Chambersburg.
" 82. Milford, Wayne County.
" 83. Damascus Township, Wayne County.
" 85. Alexandria, Huntingdon County.
" 94. New Hope, Coryell's Ferry, Bucks County.
" 101. Palms Town, Dauphin County.
" 103. Havannah.
" 107. Kaskaskia, Indiana Territory.
" 108. Wysox and Orwell, Luzerne County.
" 109. St. Genevieve, Louisiana Territory.
" 111. Town of St. Louis, Louisiana Territory.

The Grand Secretary Communicated, That the last Temporary Insurance on the New Hall, (which was in the sum of $20,000,) had Expired on the 26th Ultimo. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be a Committee for the purpose of having a perpetual Insurance effected on the New Hall in the Sum of $20,000, and that the same be made in the Names of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge in whom the Title to the New Hall Lot is Vested.

The Grand Secretary Communicated that Agreeably to a Resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 21st June last, he had Notified Brother John Bower of the Decision of his Case being postponed until this Evening, when he should appear and shew Cause why he should not be Expelled. And that in Answer thereto he had received a Letter from Brother Bower, which was read and Ordered to be entered on the Minutes, and is in the words following, to wit:

"Philadelphia, August 3d, A. L. 5813.

"R. W. Sir and Brethren of the G. L. of Pennsylvania:

"Conceiving it my Duty to make you Acquainted with "all the Facts concerning the Independent Lodge, I therefore "make known unto you that I was absolutely persuaded to "be One of the Formers of that Infer—l Plot. Henry Snyder "as One of the Head Men and others, were daily at me to "lend my Aid to form a Lodge, (for Revenge,) in Opposition "to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and almost compelled "me to write on a piece of Parchment what they Chose to "Dictate, when at length through much persuasion I did. "This was their Wonderful Warrant, With no Master's "Name or Secretary's. The Seal was a Copper D'or of Portu-"gal. He then Smoked and put Ribbons through it. This I "make known to you. At length finding that I had done "Wrong, I thought that it was not too late to stop their prog-"ress. I mentioned it, and they, (some New Members,) took "the Parchment and cut it to pieces, and so the Lodge broke "up, But was revived again by Moore and others, which I "had not anything to do with, having resign'd on receiving

"your First Notice. Annexed you will find the Members of "the First Number, the others I know not.

"A List of the Members of the Independent Lodge.

"Old Members Names.

"Henry Snyder,	No. 67.
"George D. Moore,	72.
"Smith Allison, } were not regular Members, but	
"John A. Rohr, } were present at Makings.	
"John Bower,	72.
"I. H. Vanderslice,	
"John Carey,	72.
"Anthony Fable,	"
"John K. Coppuck,	72.
"William G. Oliver,	
"John W. Jope,	3.
"James Winner,	"
"Charles J. Brooke,	2.
"John K. Kean,	
"Jacob Ackley,	Country Lodge.

"There are others that I cannot at present Name, But am "sorry to see some of your W. M.'s adhere to them.

"Initiated Names.

"Richard H. Schooley.	"Thomas Love.
"Charles Clunn.	"Ethan Briggs.
"Lewis Cunitz.	"Charles R. Wilson.
"David McCord.	"Allen Randolph.
"William Mandry.	"Thomas Garnand.
"Leonard Altemus.	"Richard Cohill.
"Jacob Darr.	"Nathan Fry.
"Godfrey Souder.	"Jacob Grace, junr.
"Peter Reed.	"Edward Harland.
"John P. Fisher.	"Valentine Vanholt.
"Philip Jacob.	

"There were only 16 Initiated when I left them, but since "learnt their Names.

"This was the way that I was deceived and imposed on by

"Snyder and others to satisfy their purposes. But I do Ac-
"knowledge that I did wrong, but hope for Forgiveness from
"Your Honourable Body. *To Err is Human, to Forgive,*
"*Divine.*

"I am, and will ever after remain,

"Your Faithful Brother, &c.,

(Sign'd) "Jno. Bower, E.

Whereupon' On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That said Letter be Accepted as a sufficient Cause from Bro^r. John Bower why he should not be Expelled.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the said Letter be referred to the former Committee respecting said Spurious Lodge, for the purpose of making further investigation and Reporting to this Grand Lodge. The Committee are Bro^rs. Burden, Jones, Keatting, Reiley and Amies.

A Memorial from divers Members of Lodge N°. 91, was received and read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the G. L. of Pennsylvania and Masonic
"Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:
"The Memorial of the Subscribers, Members of Colum-
"bia Lodge, N°. 91, held in the City of Philadelphia,
"Respectfully Sheweth:

"That Your Memorialists, Conscious that they are in solemn
"Duty bound to preserve, in all their purity, the Ancient
"Usages and Rules of the Craft, and particularly of Your R.
"W. G. Lodge, do hereby declare and submit their Appeal
"from recent proceedings of the said Lodge, especially of the
"24th of May last past, which they conceive to be irregular
"and subversive of the precious Rights and Privileges secured
"to each Member of a subordinate Lodge, by the Ancient
"Constitutions, &c.

"Your Memorialists therefore Humbly pray the R. W. G.
"Lodge would please to Appoint a Committee to enquire into
"the said proceedings, Examine the Minute Books of the said
"Lodge, N°. 91, and make Report the soonest possible, that
"the Brethren may receive such information as may guide

"them in their works and restore Union, Harmony and "Brotherly Love amongst them.

(Sign'd) "WILLIAM STRICKLAND, W. M.
"H. M. PREVOST, S. W.
"GEORGE E. BLAKE, Treasurer.
"P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.
"THOMAS WILCOX.
"C. D. HOWELL.
"W. I. BEDLOCK.
"SAM^L. STEVENS."

"Philad^a., July 23, 5813."

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the said Memorial be referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers Joseph Burden, Samuel F. Bradford, George A. Baker, Joseph Barnes and Elijah Griffith, to examine the said proceedings of Lodge N°. 91, and Report thereon.

A Memorial was received and read from Bro^r. R. Findley, a Member of Lodge N°. 84, held at Somerset, complaining of ill treatment he had received from the W. M. and other Members of Lodge N°. 110, held at Connelsville, and praying the G. L. to appoint a Committee to enquire into the circumstances. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That said Memorial be referred to Bro^rs. Samuel Lippincott, James Harper, jun^r. and George C. Snyder, to Examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the G. Lodge of Ohio, was read and Ordered to be filed, (date of January last).

A Communication was received from the G. L. of Louisiana, and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges, were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N°. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Robert McCarren, W. M.; Bro^r. Patrick McGuigan, S. W.; Bro^r. Alexander Murphrey, J. W.; Bro^r. John N. Lehmmon, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Clyde, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. George C. Snyder, W. M.; Bro^r. Israel I. Ashbridge, S. W.; Bro^r. John Meer, jun^r., J. W.; Bro^r. John Hellings, Secretary; Bro^r. John Gregory, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 22, held at Sunbury. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Michael Kutzner, W. M.; Bro^r. Samuel Awl, S. W.; Bro^r. George Martin, J. W.; Bro^r. John L. Firmey, Secretary; Bro^r. Enoch Smith, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of T—— C——, and the rejection of S—— D——.

Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Nathaniel Lightner, W. M.; Bro^r. Charles H. Cordes, S. W.; Bro^r. Stacy Sweem, J. W.; Bro^r. Henry E. Heinitsh, Secretary; Bro^r. Benjamin Ober, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Garrett F. Lynch, W. M.; Bro^r. James Forsyth, S. W.; Bro^r. Charles Riley, J. W.; Bro^r. William Sweeny, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas McLean, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 62, held at Reading. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. William Bell, W. M.; Bro^r. Jacob Snyder, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Peacock, J. W.; Bro^r. Charles Kessler, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Heister, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return to June last, returning Bro^r. John Stinger, W. M.; Bro^r. John Shreyer, S. W.; Bro^r. Christian Jahns, J. W; Bro^r. Adolph Ehringhaus, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 75, held at Hoffman's Tavern, Uwchlan Township, Chester County. Election Return to June, 1811, returning Bro^r. Thomas Evans, W. M; Bro^r. Hugh Strickland, S. W.; Bro^r. John G. Jones, J. W. Also, Election Return to June last, returning Bro^r. Hugh Strickland, W. M.; Bro^r. Samuel Townsend, S. W.; Bro^r. Henry Benner, J. W.; Bro^r. Charles Mowry, Secretary; Bro^r. George Hoffman, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return to June

last, returning Bro^r. Daniel Caster, W. M.; Bro^r. Daniel Snyder, S. W.; Bro^r. Benjamin Levering, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Topham, Secretary; Bro^r. Michael Reiter, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. William Strickland, W. M.; Bro^r. Henry M. Prevost, S. W.; Bro^r. John L. Baker, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas S. Manning, Secretary; Bro^r. George E. Blake, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Henry Hom, W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph S. Riley, S. W.; Bro^r. Chris^r. Kneass, J. W.; Bro^r. James Knight, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 120, held at Tioga. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Daniel Lamb, W. M.; Bro^r. Oliver Jennings, S. W.; Bro^r. John Main, J. W.; Bro^r. Mica Spencer, Secretary; Bro^r. Timothy Ives, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Isaac Cleaver, W. M.; Bro^r. Henry Toland, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert M. Lewis, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas W. Morgan, Secretary; Bro^r. William W. Fisher, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Charles W. Westphall, W. M.; Bro^r. Henry Riesch, S. W.; Bro^r. Philip Geisse, J W.; Bro^r. G. F. Scheible, Secretary; Bro^r. Jacob Belsterling, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 135, held at the Sign of the Washington, on the Ridge Road, Phil^a. County. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. John Conrad, W. M.; Bro^r. William Lawson, S. W.; Bro^r. Maurice Starne, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Conrad, Secretary; Bro^r. John Sinkett, Treasurer.

A communication was received and read from Lodge N°. 127, informing the Grand Lodge of the re-instatement of George Helmbold in the said Lodge. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that Brothers Josiah S. Kay, Michael Nisbett, Samuel Badger, Nathan Bunker and Nathan R. Potts, be a Committee to investigate the proceedings of said Lodge N°. 127, in the Expulsion and re-instatement of the said George Helmbold, and that they make Report.

Lodge No. 136, held at Abington, in Montgomery County. Return to Dispensation for constituting the said Lodge whereby it appears that the same was duly constituted on the 9th day of June last past.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 30th November, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present:

Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" John Paul Schott, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun., Senior Grand Deacon.
" Candy Raguet, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George W. Bartram, Dep. Grand Secretary, P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 67, 70, 71, 84, 91, 92, 105, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 126, 127, 128, 131 and 134 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The R. W. Grand Master rose and delivered the following Address, to wit:

"My Respected Brethren,

"Various personal applications having been made to me to "ascertain my intention with respect to standing as a Candi- "date for the presidency of this Institution for the ensuing

"year, I have thought it right to anticipate the approaching "stated meeting, in order to make it known and thus prevent "any embarrassment to members which might occur from a "sudden intimation of my determination immediately before "the ballot. When I acquiesced in the wishes of my Brethren "eight years ago, and accepted of this high and responsible "situation, I can truly say I did it with timidity and reluct-"ance, as well from the interference of its duties with a labor-"ious course of professional employment in which I was then "involved, as from a fear too fully justified by the event, that "I should not be able to discharge my obligations to the So-"ciety in a manner equal to my own apprehension of their "importance and extent.

"My repeated re-election to the chair in so harmonious and "united a manner has certainly tended to allay the anxiety "which I should, under other circumstances have felt, because "it has manifested an opinion on the part of the brethren, "that my labours have not been altogether useless, and that "no intentional error or misconduct has taken place on my "part to involve me in a forfeiture of their good esteem.

"But it would have been gratifying to me long since, to "have relinquished my honours to a more able successor, and "I was only restrained from doing so by consideration of duty "arising principally out of two very important measures com-"menced during my administration, which seemed to call "upon me to continue my services until the completion of the "one, and such an advancement of the other as might leave "no doubt of its ultimate accomplishment.

"You will easily understand me as referring to the erection "of this splendid building, and the redemption of the debt "thereby occasioned.

"The former has now been sometime happily effected; all "who have supplied labour or materials have been paid their "demands; a satisfactory mode of occupying the apartments "by the several Lodges has been adjusted, and so much of the "building as is not required for Masonic purposes has been "made productive of income fully equal in amount to our ex-"pectations.

"The management of the Sinking fund for the redemption "of the Loans has been confided, in conjunction with the offi- "cers of the Grand Lodge for the time being, to a highly re- "spectable board of Trustees, the business has heretofore been "well attended to, and the fund has already accumulated to "an extent as Large, every thing considered, as could have "been expected.

"Nothing is now wanting to render the repayment of the "Loan at the appointed period certain, but a continuance of "that enviable state of prosperity which the Institution has "for some years past enjoyed, a rigid economy in expenditure "and faithful and regular application of the surplus receipts "to the increase of the sinking fund at the stated period fixed "by the terms of the Loan, and an attentive discharge of the "duty of employing the monies of that fund in the safest and "most productive manner by the board of Commissioners.

"Having fulfilled my wishes on these objects, it would "seem that no more opportune period could occur to effect "the desire I have long entertained of being relieved from the "labours and responsibility of superintending your affairs, "had no special considerations occurred to impel me to do so.

"Such however have arisen, as in my estimation add to the "impulse of my own inclination, that of positive duty.

"It has pleased Divine Providence to change the course of "my pursuits in life, and with the new views which now open "upon me, it will not be practicable for me to devote such a "portion of attention to the interests of this society, as to pre- "vent their suffering under my charge.

"My absence for a considerable part of the two last years "has fully apprised me how prejudicial a thing it is to the "peace of the individual, and the advantage of those who ex- "pect his services, to be placed in a situation that does not "admit of their strict performance.

"If, therefore, with your accustomed partiality, any design "has been entertained of again calling me to the chair, I de- "sire it may be relinquished, and I shall be highly gratified "that you may unite your sufferage in favour of my successor, "with the same harmony and unanimity which for so many "years you have manifested towards me.

"And now my brethren, on a separation from concerns in "which I have had so large a part, and in a considerable de- "gree from a community with which I have been so long "connected, how can I employ a few moments of your time in "a better manner than by recalling your attention to the "principles of your association, and the manner of promoting "its usefulness and perpetuity? A frequent recurrence to "these principles may prevent mistakes and misconduct, "which have heretofore in some instances marred its reputa- "tion, and proper reflections upon them has a tendency to "excite a desire and to suggest expedients to make our order "produce greater practical benefit to its members.

"That something more than a mere accidental or concerted "aggregation of individuals, without defined objects of pur- "suit, laid the foundation of a Society whose annals extend "so far back into antiquity, and whose rituals have been ever "since continued, as we believe without material variation, "none can doubt.

"That these objects were and have continued lawful and "laudable, whether we appeal to our knowledge of them de- "rived from history, tradition and our own experience, or "from the fact that they have engaged the attention in all "ages of men eminent for their wisdom and probity, we can "as little question.

"The world at large, judging by imperfect lights and mis- "led by the unhappy appearances which some sections of the "Craft have exhibited, have too often condemned the institu- "tion itself to a censure in justice only attachable to unworthy "individuals, and indeed sometimes to bodies of men avail- "ing themselves of their union with, only to disgrace it.

"In truth, a candid survey of the conduct of some of those "individuals and even lodges, would induce a fear that they "were as unapprised of the nature and design of Masonry as "the world at large, otherwise, would we see in some instances "persons running from one Lodge to another under pretence "of Masonic zeal, when in reality their only zeal is to gratify "their improper appetites at the refreshment table? Would "we see so frequently the acquaintances derived from

"kept up by Tavern intercourse, and would we find Lodges "loosing sight of the dignity of the order and the welfare of "their members, in the neglect of the solid functions of the "Craft and the unrestrained indulgence of pleasures, the ex-"penses of which are taken from the suffering and indigent.

"That a nobler view has inspired most of the Lodges under "this Jurisdiction, and especially of latter years, I frankly ac-"knowledge.

"In some, however, there is yet great room for Amendment, "and all have reason to keep first principles in view. My "brethren, Masonry is a religious and a moral Institution. "If it be not, it is a discredit and an injury to a Christian "Country, and the sooner it becomes extinct the better. But "it is a religious and moral institution, and though like all "of that character, it has to lament over the unworthy pro-"fessors, and sometimes bleeds at every pore from the wounds "it receives in the house of its friends, yet will those who are "virtuous and good redeem it from the distraction with which "it is sometimes threatened by the misconduct of its deluded "and profligate members?

"Masonry is a religious institution. It is so because it not "only covers the broad ground of general morality, but has "a special reference in its ceremonies, its charges, its prayers, "its benefactions, to that Divine system of piety and Morals "in which the revelation of God instructs us. Take away the "Bible and without treading upon sacred grounds by incor-"rect allusions, I ask you where are to be found in any of the "systems, if so they may be called, of infidelity, that species "of instruction which has been transferr'd from its inspired "pages into almost every part of your rituals, your admoni-"tory lectures, your solemn invocations of the blessings of "Heaven on your doings. It is not now to be inquired in "what manner, and under what auspices the privileges of the "institution may be extended to those whose lot has been cast "in hands unenlightened by the Sun of Revelation. You "who have here subjected yourselves to its sanctions, have "done so with a reference to their dependance upon the "religion of your Country, and your vows can not otherwise be

"fulfilled but by an obedience to its blessed precepts. The "dreary speculations of infidelity can never inspire those high "hopes and elevated sentiments to which you are excited and "directed by the lessons of the Craft. But whence are they "derived? I repeat it, from that unerring source of light and "instruction, the sacred Scripture. The God of the infidel if "he acknowledge any, is an unknown God. But that piety "which our order recommends is addressed to an Almighty "Being, who in condescension to the weakness of his Crea-"tures, has made as full a revelation of his nature and his "attributes as their capacities can embrace. The Piety we "profess is to a God to whom we consider ourselves account-"able, who is the rewarder of the virtuous and the punisher "of the wicked, whose Providence surveys and regulates the "affairs of the world. That of the infidel, if he ever worships, "is offered to a God of his own fanciful formation, who never "interferes in the concerns of the world which he has made, "and to whom his creatures are in no wise responsible.

"The piety we profess is grounded on our hopes of immor-"tality and eternal life; that of the infidel has no foundation, "for he denies the agency of a Providence here, and looks to "none hereafter. In death he anticipates an eternal sleep, "his soul like his body becomes as a clod of the valley. If it "be not a piety proceeding from an unbounded love of God as "revealed to us in the scriptures, and with which they only "can adequately acquaint us, that the ceremonies and charges "of our order imply or enjoin, the form and sanctions of the "one, and the express Language of the other, are at variance "with the real fact and should be no longer used as they at "present stand. For the diversity of religious sentiment our "order makes a liberal allowance; but if a man of known In-"fidel principles claims admission, it is impossible that any "mason who regards the principles of the order can counten-"ance his wishes.

"If he does, let him remember that there is no security for "the faithfulness of the Infidel to the engagements into which "he enters, no safeguard against the poisonous effects of his "tenets. But I present this fundamental principle of Piety to

"God, not only with the view of shewing that we ought to "tyle our doors against known infidels, but that we might "also be reminded that we are individually bound to culti- "vate and cherish in our hearts that piety towards God which "is recommended in our charges, to conduct all our affairs as "under the immediate inspection of his all-seeing eye, and "never to forget our accountability to him as our final Judge. "Without this, no matter how correct the theory be, we are "practical infidels, and the world knowing us only by our "fruits, will give us little credit for the magnitude of our pro- "fessions. Piety then, with all the duties appended to it, is "the first principle of Masonry. And the second is like unto "it, Love thy neighbour as thyself.

"This interesting obligation of religion and of Masonry has "often occupied my attention in the charges delivered from "this place. It embraces a wide range of precepts always "emanating from a sublime and elevated love of God. While "it derives activity from the sympathies of our nature, it has "its root in that spirit of humble Obedience, which is the never "failing result of genuine affection towards the author and "giver of every good and perfect gift, the common Father and "bountiful Benefactor of the Human Family. It comprises "the forbearance of injury and the doing of good. While it "inculcates strict justice to all men, it teaches us also to re- "gard with a pitying eye and to relieve with a liberal hand "the sufferings of our fellow men. Masonry, while she em- "braces as the guide of the practical conduct of her votaries, "love to man in all its varieties and modes, has principally "in view, the dispensation of Charity, relief to the distressed "by the sympathies of Condolence, by the consolations of "brotherly advice, by the dispensation of pecuniary bounty. "This amiable virtue was no doubt a principal incentive to "the formation of a society so well calculated under proper "management to promote its beneficial exercise. How much "it must be deplored if this benevolent design should be any "where frustrated by negligence in collecting, or Misconduct "in appropriating the funds of our Lodges to this, their legiti- "mate object. Trite as this subject may seem, what can shew

"more clearly the necessity of its frequent inculcation, than "that prodigal waste of money that ought to feed the hungry "and clothe the naked, which though reformed in some, con-"tinues to prevail in other branches of the Institution. A "Waste of Money answering no one good purpose, whilst it "lessons the respectability, destroys the usefulness and de-"praves the morals of our Members. Besides the principles "of love to God and man, this institution professes also to "teach us our Duty to ourselves. Temperance, Chastity, "humility, meekness, contentment, with a long list of other "virtues and embellishments are involved in this duty. Did "they adorn the character of every member of this institution, "how would the complaints and sarcasms of all objectors be "silenced. What a complacency of feeling would be created "in the breasts of the bitterest opponents of the order, did the "beauty of our deportment and the usefulness of our Lives "exemplify the excellence and good effect of the principles to "which we lay claim.

"If then Masonry be a religious and a moral institution, it "is desirable to continue and increase its benefits, and to in-"sure its perpetuity. If I have taken a correct survey of its "principles, this position cannot be denied. The most likely "means of continuing the existence of the institution is an "enlargement of its usefulness and the most efficient way ex-"tending its usefulness, in all its active operations to adhere "to the principles of its formation. Let our members feel the "fervor of genuine piety towards the greatest and Best of "Beings, let them be animated by a sincere and ardent love "to their fellow men, let them live under the habitual influ-"ence of the blessed Gospel in the formation of their char-"acters and the regulation of their demeanour, and then let "them with confidence, implore the blessings of Heaven upon "the institution thus recommended, to its favor and protec-"tion.

"But while the true springs and sources of prosperity are "to be found in the virtue and morals of the individual mem-"bers of our Society, and the consequent benediction of "Heaven upon their exertions, there are a great variety of

"considerations not to be lost sight of in the Conduct of the "interior operations of this place. May I so far intrude upon "your patience as to advert very summarily to one or two of "them?

"I have often strongly urged upon the individual lodges "the propriety of great care in the selection of their Officers. "Having seen how miserably lodges have declined, how "heavily their proceedings have been conducted, what supine-"ness in some instances and disorder in other, have been pro-"duced by the absurd principles of rotation in office; wherein "all sense of qualification and merit is lost sight of, and there "is often no reason for elevating a man to a higher, but be-"cause he has proved himself every way deficient in a lower "station, I have deemed it incumbent on me in my official "capacity to importune our lodges on this essential particular. "Addressing their representatives now for the last time, I "would earnestly repeat my admonition, that in every Sub-"ordinate department of the craft, capability and worth "should be the leading principles of selection for office. Does "not all experience prove that those lodges are most respected "and most frequented where it has been adhered to? and "what can be so great a hindrance to the applications of the "worthy for the privileges of membership, as publishing to "the world, in the characters of conductors of the lodges the "names of men whose characters in society are not respected, "or whose ignorance is a proverb amongst their acquaintance? "But if this is a circumstance affecting the reputation and in-"terests of private lodges, how much more important is it in "relation to the concerns of the Grand Lodge?

"Vastly interesting it is in reference to public opinion. An "Institution whose affairs are conducted with secrecy is "naturally an object of Jealousy, and altho' we can discern "abundant reason for preserving that vail of concealment "which covers our transactions, it is not so easy to satisfy "those who are without. What then is the criterion of their "Judgment respecting us? Why, they may learn something "of our principles from books, and from conversation with us, "on points where secrecy is not enjoined.

"But is not the rule of their Judgment more often found in "the annual publication of the names of those who preside "over your affairs? Will it be denied, that in proportion as "we exhibit there a combination of talent and of goodness, we "commend the Society to the notice and acceptance of the "virtuous and the wise? Who can question but that if the "names of many whom I could designate, had filled the place "of first officer for eight years past, your prosperity might "have arisen to a height far beyond what it has reached "under the auspices of the name and influence of so humble "an individual as him who now addresses you?

"But if the respectability of your officers have an external "influence, how much do their capability and good conduct "conduce to the well ordering of your internal affairs? In "the first officer of the institution, of however little conse-"quence you may deem rank or profession, you will certainly "find correctness of principles and purity of morals essential "traits, for he is often called upon to exercise a Judgment "where the greater security for the accuracy of his decisions "is the justness of his conception and his subjection to the "moral sense. He should also possess education, and talents, "and masonic information, lest he disgrace himself and the "Grand Lodge by his correspondence with the presiding offi-"cers of other Grand Lodges, or misdirect those who in var-"ious instances here and in the country, apply to him for "counsel on difficult questions, or lest he should be unable on "occasions of interest that may call for his oral or written "communications, to express himself in a manner becoming "the dignity of his station and answering the expectations of "the Craft. He should possess diligence and activity and "acquaintance with the rules of order and a demeanour that "will command the respect at the same time that it concili-"ates the affection of his brethren. In thus pourtraying some "of the features of a fit occupant of this chair, I am by no "means insensible how I suffer myself by a comparison with "the picture that I have drawn. A recurrence however to "our past errors is a good incentive to future amendment, and "I hope to see in my successor every past deficiency supplied.

"The same observations with respect to qualification apply "in every considerable, if not with equal force to the other "officers of the Grand Lodge. If indeed the principle of "selection for the higher offices of the institution prevail, (as "I think it ought to do,) then in the choice of subordinate "officers it is only requisite to look for capacity sufficient for "the immediate post you require them to fill; but if the "principle of rotation be pursued, then you ought to expect "in the Candidate for the lowest station, abilities equal to the "discharge of the duties of the highest, for that in all proba-"bility he will succeed to in his turn. The difficulty of "effecting so desirable an object as this is of itself sufficient to "show the absurdity of any other passport than that of merit "to the highest offices of the Craft.

"Having thus stated to you with candour my apprehension "of the immense consequence of a Judicious choice of persons "to conduct your operations, I will not detain you by descend-"ing to an enumeration of various other obvious particulars "of official and private obligations, by which the utility and "prosperity of this institution may be promoted, because they "have so often been the subjects of importunate appeals in the "addresses I have from time to time made you. But I cannot "close this my last communication, without once more re-"iterating in terms corresponding with the anxiety I feel, an "earnest wish that my successor in this place, his associates, "and every zealous member of the fraternity, would keep up "an unceasing attention to the pecuniary concerns of the "Grand Lodge. Remember, that though you are now com-"fortably seated in a habitation of your own, you have not "obtained it without the assistance of others, and that has "been rendered to you from confidence in your uprightness "and fidelity to your engagements. The day of payment of "the heavy debt with which your property is incumbered "altho' now at some distance will arrive, and if it find you "unprepared for its discharge, you may be thrust from this "building, be left without accommodation, and as the com-"mitents of such a misfortune, will loose your credit and re-"spectability and means of continuance. Until free from the

"incumbrance of your loans, not one Cent of useless expendi-
"ture should be permitted; the subordinate Lodges should be
"incited to a rigid punctuality in the payment of their dues,
"and the officers on whom depends the care of attending to
"punctual provision for the semi-annual interest and the
"quarterly investments of all the surplus monies of your
"Treasury in the Sinking fund for the redemption of the
"principal, should keep a watchful eye to this indispensable
"duty. With the pleasing anticipation of an ultimate cessa-
"tion of these cares by the extinguishment of the debt, are
"connected prospects of a most exhilarating nature to the
"philanthropic mind. Those large receipts which are now
"applicable exclusively to the demand of Justice, will then be
"made subserviant to the purposes of an extensive benevo-
"lence.

"The mourning widow, the hapless orphan, the unfortunate
"brother, the destitute stranger, will have reason to call down
"blessings on the society as the comforter of their sorrows, and
"the mitigator of their sufferings. A well digested system of
"charity, going in its range of beneficence far beyond the dis-
"pensation of present relief, may give a spur to the industry
"of parents, prepare by a Suitable education, children for a
"respectable advancement in the world and give an assurance
"to the helpless poor of the fraternity, that the hard hand of
"pinching necessity shall never be suffered to assail them.
"Are you not animated my brethren by so enlivening a pros-
"pect? Fulfil then with diligence the obligations that you
"have assumed, and with the blessing of God you will see it
"realized. Every Dollar invested in that fund which is
"destined to remove your present incumbrance, brings you
"nearer its completion.

"My Brethren,

"In relinquishing my present situation, I should do
"violence to my own feelings and stand justly chargeable
"with ingratitude, were I not to return you my affectionate
"acknowledgments and hearty thanks for the partiality you
"have so frequently shewn me; for the zealous co-operation
"which you have afforded me in carrying into effect the

"measures and discipline of the craft; for the attention and "Conformity manifested to my official injunctions, and for the "uniform good order and respect towards the chair with which "you have favored me at our communications.

"Perhaps no Masonic administration of equal length has "had so few difficulties to contend with, beyond those which "necessarily attend the functions of superintending and "watching over the affairs of so extensive an institution.

"I have nothing more to add but a fervent prayer to "almighty God, that he may teach you to appreciate your "privileges, that by conforming your individual conduct to "the precepts of his revealed will, he may give effect to your "united labours of love, and that when they close in this "transitory and uncertain state of being, he may translate you "to the fruition of those pleasures which are at his right hand "forever more.

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have a sufficient Number of Copies of the said Address printed for the use of the different subordinate Lodges.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 8 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th December, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Elijah Griffith, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., Senior Grand Deacon.

Bro^r. John Darragh, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George W. Bartram, Dep^y. Grand Sec^y., P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 25, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 84, 91, 92, 100, 105, 108, 110, 113, 114, 115, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Thirty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened at 6 o'clock in the Evening, in ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Grand Special Communications were read.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening Appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the Election when Bro^r. Richard Tybout, Esquire, Hat Manufacturer, was duly Elected R. W. Grand Master.

" Samuel F. Bradford, Esquire, Printer and Book Seller, was duly elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Joseph Burden, Fancy Chair Manufacturer, was duly Re-Elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Walter Kerr, Mariner, was duly Elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, Conveyancer and Treasurer of the City of Philadelphia, was duly Re-Elected R. W. Grand Secretary. And

" Thomas Astley, Merchant, was duly Elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Two Letters were read from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, informing that two Persons, Antoni Longinotto and I. Koch, Italians and Spaniards, were in Chillicothe in Ohio, traveling under the Character of Masons, for the Ostensible object of

collecting a Sum of Money for the redemption of Eight of their Fellow Country Men, whom they represent as being Masons, and who were on their passage from their Native Country to Asia, Captured and taken into Algiers by an Algerine pirate and are now in bondage. And that they believed them to be imposters.

That they have several Certificates and recommendations from Individuals, also a Certificate purporting to be a recommendation from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. A Copy of which is subjoined to each Letter. From the Signature of the Grand Secretary to the said Certificate being written differently from his Name to the Annual Communications, they believed it to be a Forgery and Applicants Imposters.

They wish to be immediately informed respecting it, and that publicity may be given to this Act of Villany.

The Grand Secretary stated that in answer to the said Letters, he informed the Grand Lodge of Ohio in substance that the Certificate aforesaid was a Forgery, And that if the Grand Lodge of Ohio were desirous of prosecuting the said Anthoni Longenotto and I. Koch, and would inform this Grand Lodge what documents would be necessary for that purpose, they should be procured and transmitted to them.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Grand Secretary communicate the information contained in the said Letters to all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that he also insert it in the Annual Communication.

The Grand Master informed the Brethren that in compliance with a Resolution of this Grand Lodge of the Sixth September last, A perpetual Insurance was effected on the New Hall by the Grand Officers in the office of the mutual Assurance Company in the Sum of $20,000, at the premium of $860, The Policy for which he laid before the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said Policy of Insurance be placed in the Hands of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans as a further security to the Stockholders in addition to the Mortgages.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock in the

Evening, to Meet on Monday the 20th Instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, 20th December, Anno Domino 1813, Anno Lucis 5813, (Monday).

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, R. W. Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" John Paul Schott, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Samuel Lippincott, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John Nisbett, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George W. Bartram, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 52, 67, 70, 72, 84, 92, 105, 108, 113, 115, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at Six o'clock in the Evening.

The Committee appointed to investigate the expulsion and re-instatement of George Helmbold in Lodge N°. 127, made Report. On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Report be re-committed to the same Committee, who shall confine their inquiry only to the re-instatement.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That since the last Quarterly Communication he had receiv'd the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$110.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, ...	10.92
Of Lodge N°. 66, on Account Dues, . . .	50.
Total, ...	$170.92

Which was ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The Committee appointed to inquire respecting illegal Masonic Meetings, and to whom was referred the Letter of John Bower, E., made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

"The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of the "State of Pennsylvania to make inquiry whether or not any "Masons under the Jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge were in "the habit of meeting an Association held in Filbert Street,

"Beg leave to report, That upon inquiry they were informed "that Charles I. Brook, formerly of Lodge N°. 2, and Pennel "Beale, formerly of Lodge N°. 67, were in the habit of attend-"ing said assemblage, upon which they were summoned to "appear before your Committee on Saturday, 27th Inst., before "whom they appeared and declared that they had not visited "said Association but were in membership with them, neither "did they consider that the Grand Lodge had any controul "over them, (as they had withdrawn from their respective "Lodges some time since.) They assert that the association is "founded upon as Legal Masonic Principles as the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania or any other Lodge in the United "States. They stile themselves an Independent Lodge, and "assume to themselves the power of making Masons and "granting privileges to form associations (called by them "Lodges). There are now four different numbers branched "from them and are about forming as they term it, a Grand "Lodge, and proceed in defiance of the Grand Lodge of the "State of Pennsylvania.

(Sign'd) "JOSEPH BURDEN
"B. JONES, jun^r.
"THO^s. AMIES."

"Phila., Novr. 30, A. L. 5813."

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That

Charles I. Brook and Pennel Beale be and they are hereby expelled from the Institution of Free Masonry.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 45, which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

"The Committee on Bye Laws have had under considera-
"tion the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 45, held at Pittsburg, re-
"ferred to them, and make the following Report thereon, Viz:

"That they have attentively considered these Bye Laws,
"and would recommend a reference of them to the Lodge
"from whence they came for revision; your Committee being
"persuaded that the notice they have taken and made, upon
"the respective sections, will furnish a sufficient guide to the
"Lodge, by which they will be enabled to form a complete set
"of Bye Laws, adapted to their own views. Your Committee
"think it unnecessary in a Lodge to recapitulate regulations
"from the Ahiman Rezon, for the purpose of adopting them
"in the Bye Laws of a Lodge, as each regulation in that Book
"should be familiar to every Mason, and the rejecting them
"as your Committee have thought advisable, will render the
"Bye Laws less confused and more easily understood.

"Sect. II. Strike out this Section. The whole is provided
"for in Ahiman Rezon. Pages 51, 52, 53.

"Sect. III. No mention is made in this Section as to the
"installing the Secretary and Treasurer, which must be done.
"The Master should be installed before S^t. John's Day.

"Sect. IV. Ahiman Rezon, (Page 48,) provides for fines in
"case the Brother has not previously served in the Office, in
"which he refuses to serve. As to the Tyler, which is one of
"the Officers alluded to, it is improper to select a Member of
"the Lodge to fill that station, and Ahiman Rezon points out
"the mode of selection, (page 58). Your Committee, however,
"suggest the propriety of striking out this Section, as experi-
"ence has proved that the imposing of fines have no good
"tendency or effect.

"Sect. V. This Section may be struck out, as Ahiman Rezon,
"(page 54,) provides for this Case.

"Sect. VI. The duties of the Treasurer are specified in

"Ahiman Rezon, page 57. Fines also have no good tendency, "as before remarked.

"Sect. VII. Strike out from the fourth, fifth and sixth lines "from 'number' to 'for each.' The Secretary's duties are "also stated in Ahiman Rezon, on page 56. The same re-"mark as to fines is also made as above.

"Sect. VIII. The Master should sign all orders upon the "Treasurer, as it is his peculiar and bounden duty to see that "the funds of the lodge be taken care of. Even tho' the Lodge "agree to the payment of a Bill, the order should be signed "by the Master.

"Sect. IX. The Tyler's duty is treated of in Ahiman Rezon, "page 58, it is 'fixed by Custom and known to every Breth-"ren.' Part of this Section is provided for in Section fifth. "The words 'residing within the length of a cable tow,' should "at all events be stricken out.

"Sect. X. and Sect. XIV. This is nearly similar to Section "the Tenth. The Lodge have the power to inflict their penal-"ties upon offending brethren in the Lodge, when such cases "occur as to call for the interference of the Lodge. It is "therefore recommended to amend Section the Tenth, and "strike out Section the Fourteenth.

"Sect. XVI. The same observation and recommendation is "made as respects this Section.

"Sect. XVII. Your Committee recommend this Section to "be left out, and refer to Ahiman Rezon, page 45, upon this "Subject.

"Sect. XVIII. If the recommendation of your Committee "is taken, this Section is useless.

"Sect. XIX. The dues to the Grand Lodge, and the register-"ing of new Members are to be paid by the Lodges out of "*their funds*, and not out of their *Charity funds;* and such dues "are not to be paid to the *Charity fund* of the Grand Lodge, "but to the Grand Lodge, according to their *regulations*, and "not their *Bye Laws*.

"Sect. XX. Strike out 'a cable tow of the place of holding "the meetings,' and insert 'the bounds.'

"Sect. XXI. The usage in the case provided for in this Sec-

"tion is too well known to need any provision upon the Sub-
"ject.

"Sect. XXVII. Insert in Sixth line, between the words
"'out' and 'on Interest,' these words, 'by Vote of the Ma-
"jority of the Lodge.'

"Your Committee recommend to the Brethren of Lodge No.
"45, to strike out all the regulations concerning the imposi-
"tion of fines, as they have frequently produced division in
"the Lodges. And they request that the above notice of the
"Bye Laws of Lodge No. 45, be transmitted to that Lodge
"with the Bye Laws of the respective Lodges in this City, in
"which they will find the respective provisions which they
"would wish to adopt, expressed in few words and with pre-
"cision; especially some of the lodges lately established, which
"have had the benefit of the Bye Laws of those lodges estab-
"lished before them. It ought to be remembered, that Bye
"Laws should not be printed and published until they have
"met with the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

"RICHD. BACHE.
"THOMAS BRADFORD, junr."

"Dec. 20, 1813."

Which Report was adopted.

Two Communications from the Grand Lodge of England, of the 3rd March and 2 June last, were read and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. The Communication of the 3rd March communicates the Expulsion of the following Brethren:

F—— P——, late of Lodge No. 294, Norwich, for fraud and other unmasonic conduct.

D—— O'B——, late Treasurer of Lodge No. 37, London, for non-payment of Money due by him to the Lodge and in arrears and unpaid.

A—— B——, late of Lodge No. 101, 5th Batt. Royal Artillery, Eastbourne, for obtaining Money under pretence of Masonry, and appropriating same to his own use.

T—— G—— and J—— C——, late of Lodge 230, for highly unbecoming conduct.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of

3rd May last, containing the Names of their Grand Officers for the present Year was read; it was accompanied by an Eulogium pronounced before the said Grand Lodge on the death of John Crawford, late R. W. Grand Master of the State of Maryland; ordered to be deposited in the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Letter of the 16th Ultimo, from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was read transmitting the Warrant of Lodge No. 105, granted by this Grand Lodge, which was surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Ohio on receiving a Warrant from them. The letter was ordered to be filed and the Warrant to be cancelled.

A Letter of the 11th Instant from the Grand Lodge of Ohio was read, informing that the two Imposters, Anthoni Longenotto and I. Koch, had escaped from Ohio and gone to Kentucky.

Ordered to be filed.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, of the 21st November, 1812, was read and ordered to be filed.

Lodge No. 2, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Expulsion of O—— M. B——.

Lodge No. 79, held at Philadelphia. Communication of 4th Ultimo, informing of their intention to relinquish their Extra night of meeting in the small Room after St. John's Day next.

Lodge No. 21, held at Harrisburg. Election Return to June last, returning Bro^r. George R. Horter, W. M.; Bro^r. John Lyne, S. W.; Bro^r. James Young, J. W.; Bro^r. John Carothers, Secretary; Bro^r. George K. Nutz, Treasurer. Account of Grand Lodge dues to June last. Return of Members to June last, containing the suspension of the following Brethren for non-payment of dues, Viz: reinstated John McClure, James Young (reinstated), reinstated Jonathan Huston, A—— P——, J—— I——, Saml. R. Smith (reinstated), J—— W——, J—— McC——, P—— H——. Also communicating the rejection of the following persons, to wit: J—— S—— (Miller), J—— C—— (Farmer), P—— L——, J—— D——.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 43 was received and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 51, held at Philadelphia. Communication of 25th Ultimo, informing the Grand Lodge of the re-instatement of Abraham Bickley to membership in said Lodge.

Lodge N°. 71, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of G—— F——, N—— C——, A—— F—— and R—— M——, for Three Months from 21st October last, for non payment of dues.

Two Letters were received and read from Bro^r. R. Findley, a Member of Lodge N°. 84, held at Somerset, making a complaint against said Lodge, also complaining against Bro^r. James M. Riddle, a Member of said Lodge. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, the said Letters were referred to Brothers Samuel Lippincott, James Harper, jun^r. and George C. Snyder, to Examine and Report thereon.

A Letter from Lodge N°. 92, of the 14th October last, was read, inquiring what had been done by the Grand Lodge in the Case of D—— M——, whom they had communicated some time since as having been excluded by them from Masonic privileges with their Lodge. Whereupon, the Letter from the said Lodge of the 16th January, 1811, respecting the said D—— M——, and which was read in Grand Lodge on the 4th March, 1811, and ordered to lie on the Table, was again read, and on Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved that the said Letters be referred to Brothers Isaiah Randall, James Cutbush and Thomas Amies, to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 102, held at Frankford. Election Return to June last, returning Bro^r. John Livensetter, W. M.; Bro^r. John Shallcross, S. W.; Bro^r. John Shearer, J. W.; Bro^r. George C. Troutman, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Whitaker, Treasurer.

A Letter from a Committee of Lodge N°. 104, appointed for that purpose was read, stating that a person had applied to be Initiated, who had had his Thigh bone fractured, and was a little lame in consequence thereof; That he was a very respectable Character and in good circumstances, but that a dif-

ference of opinion prevailed in the Lodge whether or no they were debarred by the Constitution from making him, Therefore requesting the Opinion of this Grand Lodge on the subject.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Grand Secretary inform the said Lodge that the Grand Lodge grant them permission to go into a ballot for the said Candidate.

Lodge N°. 108, held at Wysox and Orwill in Luzerne County. Election Return to December, 1810. Bro^r. George Scott, W. M.; Bro^r. Rogers Fawler, S. W.; Bro^r. Asahel Johnson, J. W.; Bro^r. Eliphalet Mason, Secretary; Bro^r. Elisha Wyeth, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N°. 115, held in this City, informing that they had altered the first five lines of their Bye Laws so as to read, "Any person "calling himself a Mason and desiring to Visit this Lodge, "before he is permitted to enter, must be vouched for by a "master Mason in the Lodge." Which alteration was approved of.

Lodge N°. 121, held in this City. Communication of the Expulsion of J—— S—— for having seduced the Wife of his Friend.

Lodge N°. 122, held at New Orleans. Election return to 27th Decem^r., 1813, returning Bro^r. Maunsel White, W. Master; Bro^r. James Hopkins, S. Warden; Bro^r. John Hogan, J. Warden; Bro^r. George Davis, Secretary; Bro^r. Alex^r. H. Smith, Treasurer. Account of Grand Lodge dues to June last. A Communication was also read from said Lodge stating certain inconveniences the Lodge laboured under, in consequence of the establishment of a Grand Lodge in the State of Louisiana, and requesting an Answer to their Communication formerly made on that subject and on the subject of Dispensations being furnished them in blank. Whereupon, the same was referr'd to the Committee appointed on the 5th of October, 1812, on the former Communication of the said Lodge, to wit: Brothers P. L.

Barbier Duplessis, Walter Kerr, Thomas Bradford, jun^r., Joseph Barnes and Joseph Burden, to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N°. 131, held in this City, informing that they had passed a Resolution expunging the following words from the seventeenth Article of their Bye Laws, to wit: "At which time no Visi-"tors shall be admitted." Which was approved of.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 134, held in this City, was received and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to call on Doct^r. J. J. Cornwell for repayment of the Sum of Fifty Dollars lent him by this Grand Lodge on the Fourth Day of March, 1799.

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 135, made Report, which was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, 27th December, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813 (Monday).

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Michael Nesbit, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Joseph Randall, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Bro^r. James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 45, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 84, 92, 108, 110, 121, 126, 130 and 131 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers, was read, And thereupon the following Grand Officers Elect, were severally Installed into their respective Offices in Ancient and solemn Form, to wit:

Bro^r. Richard Tybout, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.
" Saml. F. Bradford, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

Bro^r. Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., Esqr., Senior Grand Deacon.
" Lambert Keatting, Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev^d. Bro^r. William Rogers, D. D., } Grand Chaplains.
" " George Potts, D. D., }
" " George Richards, D. D., }
Bro^r. Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.
" William Wray, }
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Esqr., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz:

Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., } Committee on Correspondence.
" Samuel F. Bradford, Esquire, }
" Joseph Barnes, Esquire, }

Bro^r. William Page,
" Mark Richards, } Committee of Accounts.
" James Cutbush, Esqr.,

" Thomas Bradford, jun^r., Esqr.,
" Richard Bache, Esqr., } Committee to Examine the Bye Laws of the Subordinate Lodges, as the same shall be transmitted to the G. L.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Esqr.,

" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr.,
" Joseph Barnes, Esquire, } Committee to examine the Transactions of the past year, and select for publication.
" Thomas Kittera, Esquire,

" Samuel Lippincott, T.,
" Thomas Entrikin,
" Frederick Erringer, Esqr., } Hall Committee.
" Thomas Amies,
" James Harper, jun^r., Esqr.,

" Jacob Belsterling, for the Northern Liberties,
" George A. Baker, for the City, } Recommenders of objects to the Philadelphia Dispensary.
" Daniel Bussier, Esqr., for Southwark,

Bro^r. Grand Secretary stated that he had re-appointed Bro^r. George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary for the ensuing year, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the Appointment. Whereupon, the same was unanimously approved.

The Lodges being called on for their Returns, the following Returns were presented, to wit:

Lodge N°. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Edward Shelmerdine, W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph Douglass, S. W.; Bro^r. William Ruff, J. W.; Bro^r. Doct^r. John Sommer, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Burden, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Pearson, W. M.; Bro^r. C. I. Burckle, S. W.; Bro^r. Jno. M. Littleboy, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Wythe, Secretary; Bro^r. Jno. Maull, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Patrick McGuigan, W. M.; Bro^r. Alexander Murphy, S. W.; Bro^r. William H. Finley, J. W.; Bro^r.

James Thompson, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Clyde, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Alexander, W. M.; Bro^r. John Meer, jun^r., S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Caskey, J. W.; Bro^r. John Hellings, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Beattie, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Peter Wager, W. M.; Bro^r. Robert Milner, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Biddle, J. W.; Bro^r. James McAlpin, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Watson, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Benjamin Molineux, W. M.; Bro^r. Jacob Cooper, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Stackhouse, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Passey, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Mercer, Treasurer. Return of Members.

Lodge N°. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. James Forsyth, W. M.; Bro^r. Valentine Bradabough, S. W.; Bro^r. William Kennedy, J. W.; Bro^r. William Sweeny, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas McClean, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Josiah S. Kay, W. M.; Bro^r. William Kneass, S. W.; Bro^r. David Cox, J. W.; Bro^r. Charles Budd, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Lippincott, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Boyce, W. M.; Bro^r. Charles Schneider, S. W.; Bro^r. John Buckley, J. W.; Bro^r. William Bozorth, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Brobston, Treasurer. Return of Members containing the rejection of D—— W—— and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 73, held in this City. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Daniel Snyder, W. M.; Bro^r. Benjamin Levering, S. W.; Bro^r. George Hunter, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Topham, Secretary; Bro^r. Michael Reiter, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the suspension of A—— M^cG——,

W—— S——, T—— V—— and W—— J—— for non-payment of dues, also Account of Grand Lodge dues.

A Letter was received and read from a Committee of Lodge No. 109, held at St. Genevieve, Missouri Territory, being one of the delinquent Lodges, which the Grand Secretary, on the 7th day of August last, notified of its delinquency, stating that the delay which had taken place in not remitting their dues to the Grand Lodge, arose from the difficulty in transmitting Money from such a distance, promising to remit their dues by the first convenient opportunity and asking for a little further indulgence. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, a further indulgence was granted to said Lodge.

Lodge No. 115, held in this City. Election Return, returning Bro. Joshua Sullivan, W. M.; Bro. James I. Skerrett, S. W.; Bro. John Tolbert, J. W.; Bro. Peter A. Browne, Secretary; Bro. John W. Peter, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Henry Toland, Jun., W. M.; Bro. Robert M. Lewis, S. W.; Bro. Charles G. Wilcox, J. W.; Bro. Britton White, jun., Secretary; Bro. William W. Fisher, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Henry Riesch, W. M.; Bro. Charles Hupfield, S. W.; Bro. Philip Geisse, J. W.; Bro. Charles H. Schafhirt, Secretary; Bro. Jacob Belsterling, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Michael Nisbet, W. M.; Bro. Samuel Durborow, S. W.; Bro. Michael H. Anthony, J. W.; Bro. Thomas I. Matthew, Secretary; Bro. Stacey K. Potts, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. John Hammill, W. M.; Bro. John Town, S. W.; Bro. Robert Clark, J. W.; Bro. Daniel Brady, Secretary; Bro. James Hammill, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, re-

turning Bro^r. Henry Horn, W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph R. Hopkins, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Gilbert, J. W.; Bro^r. George Gloninger, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Andrew Rumsey, W. M.; Bro^r. Alphonso C. Ireland, S. W.; Bro^r. Anthony Fannon, J. W.; Bro^r. Nathan R. Potts, Secretary; Bro^r. Frederick Erringer, Treasurer.

It was stated on behalf of Lodge N°. 131, that in consequence of their Master Elect being absent from the City at the time the Lodge met to Install the officers Elect, he was not Installed, and that he still continues absent, but that all the other Officers were Installed. Application was therefore made to the Grand Lodge to sanction the Installation so made of the said Officers of Lodge N°. 131, to grant the Lodge permission to Install their Master Elect on his return to the City, and to authorize the Lodge in the mean time to continue its work. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that this Grand Lodge do sanction the Installation of the said Officers of Lodge N°. 131, that the Lodge have permission to Install their Master Elect on his return to the City, and that the Lodge be authorized to continue its labours in the mean time.

A Communication of the 9th Ultimo was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, informing that a person had lately appeared in Baltimore who professed to be a Mason in the higher degrees whose immoral and dishonest practices render him unworthy of a seat in any Lodge. He calls himself "Charles de Cueta Maligni, Marquis de Montserat," is about fifty-four years of age; about six feet high; dresses in black; hair powdered and queued; of uncommon genteel appearance, and supports the air and manners of a well bred, well educated gentleman; in his speech mild, soft and persuasive, with the Spanish accent; he professes to have an acquaintance with the first Characters in this Country. Ordered to be filed.

Whereas, Brother Richard Tybout is a Member of a Committee appointed on the Second day of March, 1812, to Petition the Legislature for an Act to exonerate the property of

this Grand Lodge from Taxation, And Whereas, Bro^r. Tybout has since that Time been Elected to and now fills the Office of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge and is therefore ex-officio a Member of every Committee of the same. Therefore, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Brother Joseph Barnes be added to the said Committee.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, entertaining the deepest sense of gratitude for the long, assiduous and faithful services rendered by Brother James Milnor, Esquire, their late R. W. Grand Master, in the various situations which he has held in this Grand Lodge and particularly for the Able and Impartial manner with which he discharged the duties of the high and responsible station he has left, and under whose auspices and guardianship the institution has arisen to a degree of prosperity and splendour hitherto unknown, Resolved Unanimously, that a Past Grand Master's Jewell of Gold, of superior Beauty with appropriate hangings, be made and presented to Brother James Milnor, Esquire, late R. W. G. M. in Grand Lodge, by the R. W. G. M., tendering to him the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the eminently useful services he has rendered to the craft generally in the various situations he has held, and especially for the ability, diligence and impartiality with which he discharged the duties of the Chair, expressing the regret of the Grand Lodge that the duties imposed upon him by a change of his pursuits in life has rendered it impracticable for him to give an undivided attention to the Interests of the Institution, and obliged him to relinquish the high situation he has so honourably filled, and the hope that he will still continue his Brotherly advice, aid and Assistance, and conveying to him their best wishes for the prolongation of his useful life in Health and Happiness until it shall please the Supreme Architect of the Universe to "translate him to the fruition of those pleasures which are at "his right hand for evermore."

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be a Committee to procure said Jewell and hangings.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Half past 12 o'clock at Noon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th March, A. D. 1814, A. L. 5814.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. RICHARD TYBOUT, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.
" Samuel F. Bradford, Esquire, R. W. Dep. Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Samuel Lippincott, T., R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., Senior Grand Deacon
" Lambert Keatting, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Dep. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 91, 94, 102, 108, 114, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 135, 92, 110 and 100 represented.

Twenty Eight Lodges being Represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Last Grand Quarterly, Adjourned Grand Quarterly and Grand General Communications were read.

Brother Baker on behalf of the Committee appointed to apply to the Legislature to have the New Hall of the Grand Lodge exonerated from the payment of Taxes, made a Verbal Report in substance, as follows: That the Committee had a Memorial drawn up praying the Legislature to pass an Act exonerating the New Hall of the Grand Lodge from the payment of Taxes, until the Loans made by the Grand Lodge to enable them to complete the Building should be paid off, provided the exemption did not exceed Twenty Years; That Brother Tybout and himself proceeded to Harrisburg and had the Memorial presented to each branch of the Legislature. That they drew up a brief statement of the Cost of the New

Hall and of the Debts and Resources of the Grand Lodge, which they had printed and presented a Copy to each Member of the Legislature for his information; That in each House the Memorial was referred to a Committee, and that the Committee of the House of Representatives Reported a Bill in favour of the Application which was ordered to be printed. He further stated that from the favourable manner the Legislature viewed the Application, the Committee had no doubt but it would have been successful, But the City Councils having appointed a Committee to present a Memorial to the Legislature praying them not to exonerate the Property belonging to Public Bodies in the City of Philadelphia from the Payment of Taxes, the Committee were apprehensive that this measure of the City Councils would defeat the Application of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Pennsylvania Grand Encampment of Knight Templars, and is in the words following, to wit:

"Philadelphia, March 4, 1814.

"To the Right Worshipful Richard Tybout, Esqr., Grand
"Master of Masons in Pennsylvania:

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"The undersigned beg leave most respectfully to repre-
"sent through you, to the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge
"of Pennsylvania, that they have been appointed a Commit-
"tee to present to them an Extract from the Minutes of the
"Pennsylvania Grand Encampment of Knight Templars,
"which is herewith enclosed. They are likewise instructed
"respectfully to request, that you will rent a room to the said
"Grand Encampment, in which they may hold their annual
"meetings. As the annual Meeting will be held in the day,
"it is presumed it will not interfere with any arrangements
"already made by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

"The Committee have been also further directed most
"respectfully to request that in order to enable the Grand
"Encampment of Knight Templars to carry into full effect
"the beneficial regulations herewith enclosed, the Right Wor-
"shipful the Grand Lodge would be pleased to direct a list of

"the expulsions and suspensions, which may occur under their "Jurisdiction or otherwise come under their notice, to be fur-"nished to the Grand Encampment annually.

"We are with profound respect, Right Worshipful "Brother,

Your obed^t. Serv^ts.,

(Signed) "NATH^L. DILLHOM, "THO^S. ARMSTRONG, "THOMAS BLACK, } Committee."

The Extract from the Minutes of the Grand Encampment enclosed in the foregoing communication is in the words following, to wit:

"At a Meeting of the the Grand Encampment of Knights "Templars in the State of Pennsylvania, held in Philadelphia, "on Friday, the 18th day of February, 1814,

"It was unanimously resolved, that the following be funda-"mental Rules for the Regulation and Government of En-"campments of Knights Templars.

"1. That no Person can become a Knights Templar with-"out having legally passed through the Degrees of Master "Mason, Past Master and Holy Royal Arch Mason; and that "then, although invested with those degrees, he cannot be-"come a Knights Templar if expelled, or while suspended, by "any regular Lodge, Grand Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, or "Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

"2. That as ancient York Master Masons, Past Masters, and "Holy Royal Arch Masons, every Knights Templar is "solemnly bound to preserve the ancient landmarks of those "orders, and to do nothing which can impede, impair or "annul, any lawful Act of any regular Lodge, Grand Lodge, "Holy Royal Arch Chapter, or Grand Holy Royal Arch "Chapter, or in any manner intentionally derogate from the "Dignities and Prerogatives.

"3. That in their individual capacities, Knights Templars, "as component parts of Lodges, Grand Lodges, Holy Royal "Arch Chapters, and Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapters are "solemnly bound to Assist in carrying all their just rules and "regulations into effect.

"4. That no Encampment of Knights Templars shall ever "be recognized by this Grand Encampment who shall in- "fringe upon, or will not obey the above fundamental Rules.

"Resolved, That as a Mark of their very great respect, "sincere Attachment, and affectionate regard, a Copy of the "above be presented to the Right Worshipful the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania, by a Committee Consisting of the "Sir Knights Nathaniel Dilhom, Thomas Armstrong and "Thomas Black, who are also authorized most respectfully to "request the Grand Lodge to Rent us a Room in their New "Masonic Hall for the purpose of holding the annual Meet- "ings of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars.

"A true transcript from the Minutes.

(Signe') "HENRY S. KEATING,
"Grand Recorder, Pro Temp.

Which requests were granted and the Hall Committee authorized to let a Room and fix the Rent.

The Committee appointed on the Memorial of divers Members of Lodge No. 91, made Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit·

"To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the "R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The Committee appointed on the Memorial of divers "Members of Lodge No. 91,
"Respectfully Report,

"That on the 27th Day of March, 1809, Mr. John Binns "presented a Petition to Lodge No. 91, praying to be Initiated "into the Mysteries of Free Masonry. The Petition was "recommended and referred in the usual manner. At the "next Stated Night of meeting the Committee to whom the "Petition was referred made their Report. Previous however "to the opening of the Lodge, on that Evening, Mr. Binns "through the Agency of Bro^r. Passmore, requested of the "Committee to withdraw his Petition. They expressly re- "fused to do it, and declared their determination to make a "Report upon his Petition, without noticing his request. "After Lodge opened and previous to report made, Bro^r. Pass-

"more, having obtained leave for the purpose, stated it was "the wish of Mr. Binns to withdraw his Petition, that he came "to the Lodge, by the desire of Mr. Binns, for the express "purpose of stating that wish, and prayed that the Committee "might be discharged of their report. The Lodge however "rejected the Application and called for the Report, and a "Report was made by the Committee favourable to the Peti-"tioner. It was then moved and Seconded, by several Mem-"bers of the Lodge, "that Mr. Binns, the Petitioner, have "leave to withdraw the Petition," which Motion after debate "was negatived. The Lodge on resolution proceeded to the "Ballot and the Candidate was rejected by Three Black Balls. "Your Committee deem it a principle of Masonry that a can-"didate may of right withdraw his Petition at any Time after "favourable Report and before Ballot and consider that Lodge "No. 91, acted incorrectly in going into a Ballot after such a "wish had been manifested by Mr. Binns.

"Your Committee are of Opinion that the Practice which "has prevailed to re-consider a Vote of rejection should be "discontinued. That the proper and only recourse in such "Case ought to be by Appeal or other application to the "Grand Lodge.

"Your Committee therefore offer the following Resolutions, "to wit:

"1st. Resolved, That all the proceedings on the Petition of "John Binns subsequent to the Report of the Committee of "enquiry be expunged from the Minutes of Lodge No. 91.

"2nd. Resolved, That a Candidate may of right withdraw "his Petition after Report favourable and before Ballot.

"3rd. Resolved, That a Vote of rejection regularly taken "shall be final, subject only to the correction and revision by "the Grand Lodge.

(Sign'd) "JOSEPH BURDEN.
"SAML. F. BRADFORD.
"GEORGE A. BAKER.
"JOS. BARNES.
"ELIJAH GRIFFITH."

"Philadelphia, 1st March, 1814.

Which Report was accepted and the Resolutions adopted.

The Committee to whom was recommitted their Report in the Case of G—— H—— on the 20th Day of December last, made Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto "belonging:

"We the Committee appointed to investigate the proceed-"ings of Lodge No. 127, in the re-instatement of G—— "H——, junr., beg leave to Report, that we have attended to "that duty, and from information received are bound to be-"lieve that G —— H——, junr., is not of such Character as "we should deem proper to be re-admitted to the benefits of "Masonry.

(Sign'd) "I. S. Kay.
"Nathan Bunker.
"Saml. Badger."

Which Report was accepted and adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do disapprove of the Re-instatement by Lodge No. 127, of G—— H——, junr., and the same is hereby reversed.

The Committee appointed on the Complaint of Brother R. Findley of No. 84, against Brothers R. D. Moore, Mr. of Lodge No. 110, and J. M. Riddle of No. 84, made Report which was read and on Motion made and Seconded, the consideration thereof was postponed.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 43, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"The Committee on Bye Laws, have had under considera-"tion the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, referred to "them and after due examination, Report,

"That they approve the same, except as follows:

"Art. 6. The Committee recommend the repeal of this article, "as they deem it prejudicial to the Lodge and Masonry.

"Art. 13. Strike out all the sentences between "Elected" in "the thirteenth line, and the word "received" which

"concludes the paragraph in the twelfth line of page "seven.

"Art. 18. Strike out "Treasurer and Secretary" in second line.

"The Committee again remark in this instance on the "impropriety of printing Bye Laws before they have "been approved by the Grand Lodge.

(Sign'd) "RICHD. BACHE.
"G. A. BAKER, junr.
"THOMAS BRADFORD, junr."

"Phi., 7 March, 1814.

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 134, which was read and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 135, which was read and the Consideration thereof Postponed.

A Letter was receiv'd and read from Pennel Beale, requesting the Grand Lodge to rescind the Resolution expelling him from the institution of Free Masonry, which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 21st Instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 21, A. D. 1814, A. L. 5814.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. RICHARD TYBOUT, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Thomas Pearson, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, junr., R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Bro^r. George C. Snyder, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Lambert Keatting, Junior Grand Deacon.
" James Forsyth, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" John L. Baker, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 72, 91, 110, 125, 127, 128, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Report of the Committee on the Complaint of Brother R. Findley read on the Seventh Instant and the Consideration thereof postponed, was read a second time, together with a Letter from the said R. Findley to the Committee, which Report is in the words following, to wit:

"The Committee appointed to enquire into the Complaint "of Brother R. Findley against Bro. R. D. Moore, W. Master "of Youghaghany Lodge, N°. 110, also against Brother James "M. Riddle, a Member of said Lodge (N°. 84),

"Respectfully Report,

"That having read the letters and documents referred to "them, They are of opinion they cannot decide upon the "subject without having the Parties before them, Which (if "not altogether impossible), would be attended with consid-"erable expence and trouble. They therefore recommend the "appointment of a Committee of Three Master Masons, resi-"dents in or as near as may be to McConnelsville, by whom "the complaint may be better examined and more justly de-"cided.

(Sign'd) "SAMUEL LIPPINCOTT, T
"JAMES HARPER, jun^r.
"GEO. C. SNYDER."

"March 7, A. L. 5814."

Which Report was adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That a Committee consisting of Three Brothers, members of Lodges held in the neighbourhood of Lodges N°. 84 and N°. 110, be appointed

to inquire into the Complaint of Brother R. Findley of Lodge N°. 84, against R. D. Moore, W. M. of Lodge N°. 110, also against Lodge N°. 84, and against J. M. Riddle a Member of Lodge N°. 84, and that the Committee make Report of their investigation.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the following Brethren compose that Committee, to wit: George Armstrong, of Lodge N°. 64, Greensburg and Daniel Reller and John Lyon, of Lodge N°. 92, Union Town.

The Report of the Committee on Bye Laws on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 134, read on the 7th Instant, was taken up for consideration and recommitted.

The Report of the Committee on Bye Laws on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 135, read on the 7th Instant, was taken up for consideration and recommitted.

The letter from P—— B——, read on the 7th Instant, was read a second time and ordered to be returned to him by the Grand Secretary. And on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that P—— B—— be informed verbally by the Grand Secretary on returning his letter to him, that previous to the Grand Lodge taking into consideration the expunging their expulsion of him, it must be proven to the Grand Lodge that he has withdrawn all connexion with the spurious Lodge of Masons, and make other satisfactory Acknowledgments of his Error.

A Memorial from Bro. W. Schneider, Grand Tyler, was received and read and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the "State of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto "belonging.

"The Memorial of the subscriber Respectfully Sheweth that "when this New Hall was first occupied, he felt the great trust "and variety of duty attached to his Station; without assist-"ance it was entirely out of his power to perform. I could "get at that time no other help but my Son, Charles Schneider, "which was perhaps not quite consistent. But being now a "Brother Mason and having received all the different de-"grees, his knowledge in Masonry, his conduct, and his at-

"tention to the Craft, and being known not only by the Grand "Officers but by all the Worthy Members of this R. W. Grand "Lodge. Therefore, your humble Grand Tyler feeling the "pressure of Age, and in case of sickness not being enabled "to perform the various duties required of him as Grand Tyler "most humbly prays that the R. W. Grand Master may be "pleased to appoint my Son Charles Schneider, Assistant "Grand Tyler. And Your Petitioner as in duty bound will "ever pray, &c.

"WM. SCHNEIDER,
"G. Tyler."

March 7th, 1814.

"Recommended by
"Samuel Lippincott, T.,
"Fredk. Erringer,
"James Harper, junr.,
"Thos. Entrikin, } Hall Committee."

The Grand Lodge approved of the Appointt. of Charles Schneider as assistant Grand Tyler.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Grand Tyler may in future, with the Approbation of the Grand Lodge, appoint an Assistant Grand Tyler, for whose conduct he shall be responsible.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons, all late Members of Lodge No. 72, held at Philadelphia, was read praying for a Warrant for holding a New Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, under the Name of "Rising Sun Lodge" and that Bro. John Stinger, might be named W. Master; Bro. Robert Harris, Junior, Senior Warden, and Bro. John A. Lane, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in proper form was duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 139.

The Accounts of Bro. Walter Kerr, late Grand Treasurer, were presented and referred to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and Report thereon.

The Accounts of Bro. Grand Secretary for the last year were also referred to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and Report thereon.

Bro. Grand Treasurer verbally stated that in compliance with a Resolution of the Grand Lodge, he had called on Doct^r. Cornwell to request of him the repayment of the Sum of Fifty Dollars loaned to him by the Grand Lodge in the Year 1799. That the Doctor said he was very thankful to the Grand Lodge for the Loan which was made him, he regretted that he was not in circumstances to repay it, but would repay it as soon as he should have it in his power.

Grand Lodge adjourned at half past Nine o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday, the Fourth Day of April next, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER, jun^r.,
D. G. S. and G. S., P. T.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 4th, A. D. 1814, A. L. 5814.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. RICHARD TYBOUT, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" George C. Snyder, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Lambert Keatting, Junior Grand Deacon.
" John P. Schott, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 91, 108, 110, 113, 114, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134 and 139 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

A Petition from the Officers and Members of Amicitia Lodge, No. 116, held at Elizabeth Town, Lancaster County, praying permission to remove the said Lodge to the Borough of Marietta in Lancaster County, was read, Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

A Letter was received and read from John McIlhenny appealing from a Vote of Expulsion passed against him by Lodge No. 59, held at Philadelphia, which was on Motion made and Seconded, referred to Brothers Michael Nisbet, James Cutbush and Benjamin Jones, junior, to examine and Report thereon.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That since last St. John's Day he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$100.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, . . .	10.92
From Lodge No. 21, Dues, ...	9.14
From " " 43, ditto, ...	52.44
From " " 66, ditto, ...	50.
From " " 108, ditto, ...	22.
From " " 132, ditto, ...	24.91
Total, ...	$269.41

Which was ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

By direction of the R. W. Grand Master the Grand Secretary read the Report which he made to the R. W. Grand Master, on the Book of Minutes of Lodge No. 21, held at Harrisburg, at the Grand Visitation made to said Lodge on the 29th day of January last.

The following returns, &c., of Lodges were received and read, Viz:

Lodge No. 2, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues. Also a Resolution of the 10th January last, relinquishing the extra night in the small room.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 3, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 9, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 19, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 21, held at Harrisburg. Election Return, returning Bro$^{r.}$ George K. Nutz, W. M.; Bro$^{r.}$ James Young, S. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Jeremiah Rees, J. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ John Carothers, Secretary; Bro$^{r.}$ John A. Stehley, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 21, was received and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return, returning Bro$^{r.}$ Nathaniel Lightner, W. M.; Bro$^{r.}$ Molten C. Rodgers, S. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ John Reynolds, J. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Henry E. Heinitsh, Secretary; Bro$^{r.}$ Benjamin Ober, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 45, held at Pittsburgh. Election Return, returning Bro$^{r.}$ Henry Baird, W. M.; Bro$^{r.}$ William Porter, S. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Sam$^{l.}$ Douglass, J. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ John Johnston, Treasurer; Bro$^{r.}$ George Cochran, Secretary. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 52, held at Philadelphia. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 52, was received and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 59, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 59, was received and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro$^{r.}$ John Schreyer, W. M.; Bro$^{r.}$ Christian Jahns, S. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Christian F. Adler, J. W.; Bro$^{r.}$ Adolph Ehringhouse, Secretary; Bro$^{r.}$ George Willig, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-

ing Bro^r. I. F. Canonge, W. M.; Bro^r. Lewis Houard, S. W.; Bro^r. James Gardette, J. W.; Bro^r. Augustus Poupon, Secretary; Bro^r. James H. Dundas, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 82, held at Milford, Wayne County. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 83, held at Damascus, Wayne County. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 102, held at Frankford, Philadelphia County. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Shearer, W. M.; Bro^r. William A. Lee, S. W.; Bro^r. William Thomas, J. W.; Bro^r. George C. Troutman, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Whitaker, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 107, held at Kaskaskia, Illinois Territory. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William C. Greenup, W. M.; Bro^r. Philip Fouke, S. W.; Bro^r. Clement S. Conway, J. W.; Bro^r. Philip Rockblave, Treasurer; Bro^r. Michael Jones, Secretary. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 107, was received and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 108, held at Wysox and Orwell. Election Return, returning Bro^r. George Scott, W. M.; Bro^r. Eliphalet Mason, S. W.; Bro^r. Chester Gridley, J. W.; Bro^r. Adonih Warner, Treasurer; Bro^r. Hiram Mix, Secretary. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Harper, W. M.; Bro^r. Alexander Napier, S. W.; Bro^r. Isaac Macauley, J. W.; Bro^r. David McKibbin, Secretary; Bro^r. Patrick Boyle, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 116, held at Elizabeth Town, Lancaster County. Election Return, returning Bro^r. George Wolfley, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas Faulkner, S. W.; Bro^r. William S. Garred, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas P. Buchanan, Secretary; Bro^r. John Mayer, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, re-

turning Bro^r. Peter Wolford, W. M.; Bro^r. William Forgrave, S. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Saint, J. W.; Bro^r. John P. Schott, jun^r., Secretary; Bro^r. John P. Schott, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 131, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 132, held in Chester County. Bro. John T. Holstein, W. M.; Bro. Effinger Happersett, S. W.; Bro. Benjamin Guest, J. W.; Bro. Wallace Dixon, Secretary; Bro. William Williason, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 133, held in Beaver County and Town. Election Return, returning Bro. Jonathan Mendenhall, W. M.; Bro. Samuel Adams, S. W.; Bro. Milo Adams, J. W.; Bro. James Allison, Secretary; Bro. Robert Moore, Treasurer. Return of Members and A Copy of their Bye Laws which was referr'd, &c.

Lodge N°. 134, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. John W. Shaw, W. M.; Bro. Jacob Mechlin, S. W.; Bro. Samuel Worman, J. W.; Bro. Robert W. Ogden, Secretary; Bro. William Patton, jun^r., Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 135, held in Roxborough Township, Phila. County. Election Return, returning Bro. William Lawson, W. M.; Bro. Maurice Starne, S. W.; Bro. Samuel Conrad, J. W.; Bro. John Levering, Secretary; Bro. John Sinkett, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

The Grand Lodge took into Consideration the Report of the Grand Secretary respecting the Delinquent Lodges Notified by him of their Delinquency on the 7th day of August last. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Warrants of the following Lodges be Vacated for Delinquency, and that the Grand Secretary demand a surrender of the Warrants, Books, Papers, Jewells, Furniture and Funds of the said Lodges agreeably to the 26th Article of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, Viz:

Lodge No. 11, held in London Grove Township, Chester County.
" 54, held in the Town of Washington, Washington County.
" 61, held at Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.
" 68, held in the Town of Mifflin, Mifflin County.
" 79, held at Chambersburg.
" 85, held in Alexandria, Huntingdon County.
" 101, held at Palms Town, Dauphin County.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That further Time be granted to the following Delinquent Lodges for compleating their Returns and paying up their Grand Lodge dues, Viz:

Lodge No. 75, held at Pugh Town, Chester County.
" 77, held at Port D'Espagne, Island of Trinidad.
" 82, held at Milford, Wayne County.
" 83, held in Wayne County.
" 94, held at Coryells Ferry.
" 103, held at Havannah.
" 111, Town of St. Louis, Louisiana Territory.

The Grand Secretary also Reported, That the following Lodges notified by him on the said 7th day of August last, of their delinquency, having made their Returns and paid their dues were therefore no longer in a State of delinquency, Viz:

Lodge No. 107, held at Kaskaskia, Illinois Territory.
" 108, held at Wysox and Orwell, Luzerne County.

Whereas, the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo and Cuba, having never since its establishment made Report to this R. W. Grand Lodge of its transactions and proceedings, in manner and form as is directed by the Warrant Constituting the said Provincial Grand Lodge, nor paid any Money to this R. W. Grand Lodge as is required by the said Warrant.

Therefore, Resolved, That Brothers Rob. P. Branu, Edward George and Thomas Kittera be a Committee with full power to make every Examination and inquiry that may be necessary to ascertain what the transactions and proceedings of the said Provincial Grand Lodge have been and what is its present situation and make Report.

Whereas, the Committee appointed on the 16th day of January, 1809, to make inquiry into the Masonic conduct of Joseph Cerneau, formerly J. G. W. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo and afterwards Master of Lodge No. 103, held at Havannah, not having made Report, were on Motion made and Seconded, discharged and Bro. Robt. P. Branu, Edward George and Thomas Kittera were appointed a Committee in their place, also

Resolved, that the said Committee be authorized to make inquiry respecting the situation of Lodge No. 103, held at Havannah.

A Petition was received and read from George Helmbold praying to be re-instated in Lodge No. 127. Ordered to Lie on the Table.

Brother Thomas Bradford, junr., declined being any longer a Member of the Committee on Bye Laws; his resignation was accepted. On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be given to Bro. Bradford for his services as a Member of the Committee on Bye Laws.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brother Thomas Kittera a Member of the Committee on Bye Laws, in the place of Bro. Bradford resigned.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th June, A. D. 1814, A. L. 5814.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. RICHARD TYBOUT, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
" Thomas Pearson, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Bro^r. Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., S. G. Deacon.
" Lambert Keatting, J. G. Deacon.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.
" James Milnor, Esquire, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 45, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 91, 108, 110, 113, 114, 121, 126, 127, 130, 131, 134 and 139 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at Seven o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communications were read.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master in compliance with the Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 27th Day of December last, presented Brother James Milnor, Esquire, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, with a Past Grand Master's Jewel of Gold of Superior Beauty with appropriate Hangings. The R. W. G. M. delivered the following address to Brother Milnor on presenting the same.

"R. W. P. G. M.—I have a pleasing duty to perform. I am "requested by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to deliver to "You this Jewell and Hanging, accompanied with a Resolu-"tion in my hand. This, R. W. Brother, shews the high "sense the Grand Lodge entertain for Your Character. This "my Brother is the Unanimous Voice of that Body over "which you have presided, and rendered essential services for "a series of Years.

"Honoured as the presenter of this by the G. L. of Penn-"sylvania, (who are proud to proclaim you amongst the most "distinguished Brethren of our Order), I embrace this oppor-"tunity thus happily afforded, of tendering to you my worthy "Brother, my high consideration and respect. Long my "Brother may you live to wear it, and may health and happi-"ness attend you in all your pursuits." The R. W. P. G. M. Answered, "that he received with much sensibility this

"evidence of the affection and esteem of the Brethren; that "he was not so fastidious as to desire to conceal his gratifica- "tion at the reception of so many proofs of his services having "met their approbation. It was the only reward he had ever "desired besides that of seeing the result of the joint labours "of the brethren and himself, in the prosperity of the institu- "tion. He declared that he should wear the badge now pre- "sented to him as the most honourable external distinction, "and that altho' retired from the active service of the Craft "his prayers should ever ascend to Almighty God for its con- "tinued well being and Improvement."

A Petition from the late Officers of the late Lodge N°. 61, lately held at Wilkesbarre, was read praying for the restoration of their Warrant and promising to pay up their Grand Lodge dues. Said Petition was accompanied with their Account of Grand Lodge dues to November last, (but not their Return of Members,) and the R. W. G. M. Stated that One hundred and fifty Dollars had been deposited with him on Account of their Grand Lodge dues. And it appeared from their said Accounts that a balance is now owing to this Grand Lodge of $221.27 up to the 4th November last.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Warrant of Lodge N°. 61 be restored, and that the said Lodge N°. 61, and all its late Members, which were at the Time of its Vacation, be and they are hereby fully reinstated in all their Masonic Rights and Privileges, and that time be allowed them for paying the balance of their Grand Lodge dues in Two equal payments, at Six and Twelve Months from this Time.

A Communication dated the 15th Ultimo, was received and read from Brother John E. Buchanan, late W. M. of the late Lodge N°. 85, held at Alexandria in Huntingdon County, vacated for delinquency, stating the reasons why the lodge had not paid its dues to the Grand Lodge, the determination of the Brethren to discharge the Grand Lodge dues, and desiring to be restored to the confidence of their Parent Lodge. From the said Communication it appeared as if the said late Lodge N°. 85 continued to work, notwithstanding the notification

from the Grand Secretary of the Vacation of the Warrant had been received and that it was no longer a Lodge. On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to inform Brother John E. Buchannan, late W. Master of the late Lodge N°. 85, that the late Members thereof must not meet and Assemble together and work as a lodge of Masons, and that they be required to comply without delay, with the 26th Article of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and that their late Warrant cannot be restored to them until they have discharged their Grand Lodge dues.

A Letter of the 16th Ultimo, was received and read from Brother Robert McNeley, late Secretary of the late Lodge N°. 11, held in London Grove Township, Chester County, Vacated for delinquency, stating several particulars relative to the same. Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition was received and read from Joseph H. Vanderslice and sundry Members of Lodge N°. 72, praying the Grand Lodge to rescind their Resolution, which excludes him from Visiting the Lodges held under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Petition be referred to Brothers Shelmerdine, Wager and Badger to Examine and Report thereon.

The Committee of Accounts to whom was referred the Accounts of the Grand Secretary made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

"We the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful "the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully Report, that "we have carefully examined the within account of the Grand "Secretary, from the 19th April, 1813, to the 27th December, "1813, and are of Opinion the same is correct, leaving a Bal-"ance in favour of the Grand Lodge of Thirty Seven Dollars "and Fifty Four Cents.

"Philadelphia, 20th May, 1814.

(Signed) "WILLIAM PAGE, "MARK RICHARDS, } Committee."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee of Accounts to whom was referred the Ac-

count of the Grand Secretary respecting the Interest of the Masonic Loans made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

"We the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully Report, that we "have examined the within Account of the Grand Secretary, "on the Interest of the Masonic Loans, and find the same "correct.

"Philadelphia, 20th May, 1814.

(Sign'd) "WILLIAM PAGE, } Committee."
"MARK RICHARDS,

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee of Accounts to whom was referred the Accounts of Bro. Walter Kerr, Grand Treasurer, made Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

"We the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully Report, that we "have examined carefully the within Accounts of the late "Grand Treasurer, Br. Walter Kerr, and are of Opinion the "same is correct, the Account being closed by the Balance "having been paid to the present Grand Treasurer.

"Philadelphia, 20th May, 1814.

(Sign'd) "WILLIAM PAGE, } Committee."
"MARK RICHARDS,

Which Report was adopted.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That since the last Grand Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$165.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, ...	27.30
Total, ...	$192.30

Which was ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 21, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"The Committee on Bye Laws have had under considera-

"tion the Bye Laws of No. 21, and after due deliberation, Re-
"port, That we approve the same.

(Sign'd) "RICH. BACHE,
"G. A. BAKER, jun^r.,
"THO^S. KITTERA. } Committee."

"Philadelphia, 6th June, 1814."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 52, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"The Committee on Bye Laws have had referred to them "the Bye Laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, and after consid-"eration, Report, That they approve the same except,

"That in Article 3, they propose to strike out all that fol-"lows the word 'Evangelist' in the fourth line, and to insert, "'which said Election shall be conducted in the manner pro-"vided for by the 2d Chapter of the Book of Constitution of "the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and their duties as well "as those of every Member of the Lodge shall be the same as "are mentioned in the said Chapter.'

"And that in the 7th line of the 14th Article, they recom-"mend the striking out the words 'Secretary and Treasurer.'

(Sign'd) "TH. KITTERA,
"G. A. BAKER, jun^r., } Committee."

"Philadelphia, June 6, 1814."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 59, which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred the "Bye Laws of Lodge No. 59, Respectfully Report, that they "have carefully examined the same and Recommend that "they be adopted.

"Sign'd) "RICH^D. BACHE,
"G. A. BAKER, jun^r., } Committee."
"TH. KITTERA.

"Philadelphia, 6 June, 1814."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 134, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"The Committee of Bye Laws to whom were recommitted "the Bye Laws of Franklin Lodge, N°. 134, after due consid- "eration approve the same.

(Sign'd) "RICH. BACHE, "G. A. BAKER, jun^r., } Committee."

"Philadelphia, 6th June, 1814."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 135, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was recommitted "the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 135, approve of the said Bye "Laws, except as follows, to wit: Article XIII. In the fifth "Line strike out 'Treasurer and Secretary.'

(Sign'd) "RICH. BACHE, "G. A. BAKER, jun^r., "TH. KITTERA. } Committee."

"Phila., 6 June, 1814."

Which Report was adopted.

A Communication of the 24th March last, was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. Dated 1st November, 1813.

A Communication was received and read from a Grand Lodge established in the District of Columbia, containing an Account of its proceedings from 11th December, 5810, to January, 5813, also a communication of its proceedings on the 13th July, 5813, which was referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication of the 20th April last, was receiv'd and

read from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the G. R. A. Chapter inclosing a Resolution passed by the said G. R. A. Chapter on the 17th day of March, A. L. 5813, and which is in the words following, to wit:

"Resolved, that application be made from this Grand "Chapter to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to pass a "Resolution authorizing the Grand Chapter to require from "each Chapter held under the Jurisdiction of the Grand "Lodge, that a Copy of the Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations "adopted by such Chapters, as well as any alteration hereafter "made by them in the same, be submitted to this G. Chapter "for approbation, and to grant to the Grand Chapter the "power of deciding conclusively upon the same."

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the said Communication be referred to Brothers S. F. Bradford, Newcomb, James Harper, jun^r. Randall and Keatting, to inquire into the propriety of granting said request and to make Report.

Lodge No. 66, held in Berks County. Election Return to December last, returning Bro. Daniel Ubell, W. Master; Bro. Jonathan Hudson, S. Warden; Bro. Thaddeus Smith, J. Warden; Bro. David Morgan, Secretary; Bro. George Rigg, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be directed to write to the different Lodges held in the City requesting them to discharge their Grand Lodge dues without delay.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Ten o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Friday, 24th June, A. D. 1814, A. L. 5814.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Brother RICHARD TYBOUT, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Thomas Pearson, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Joseph Blame, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Jacob Mechlin, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Lambert Keatting, Junior Grand Deacon.
" James Forsyth, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Dep^y. Grand Secretary.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 84, 91, 108, 115, 126, 131, 134 and 139 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at Ten o'clock in the Morning.

The Lodges being called on for their Returns, the following Returns, &c., were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N°. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. William Ruff, W. Master; Bro. John Sommer, S. Warden; Bro. James M. Keage, J. Warden; Bro. Anthony Lafitte, Secretary; Bro. Joseph Burden, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Thomas Pearson, W. Master; Bro. M. J. Littleboy, S. Warden; Bro. Charles Mercer, J. Warden; Bro. Daniel Wythe, Secretary; Bro. John Maull, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Patrick McGuigan, W. Master; Bro. Alexander Murphay, S. Warden; Bro. William H. Finley, J. Warden; Bro. James Thompson, Secretary; Bro. Thomas Clyde, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Robert Milnor, W. Master; Bro. Charles Ross, S. Warden; Bro. Joseph Watson, J. Warden; Bro. Samuel Alexander, Secretary; Bro. James McAlpin, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. James Forsyth, W. Master; Bro. Thomas Shaw, S. Warden; Bro. William Kennedy, J. Warden; Bro. William Sweeny, Secretary; Bro. Thomas McClean, Treasurer. Also, Communication of the 14th Instant communicating the expulsion of J—— M——, for unmasonic conduct.

Lodge No. 66, held in Berks County. Election Return, returning Bro. Matthias Kaler, W. Master; Bro. Jonathan Hudson, S. Warden; Bro. Thaddeus Smith, J. Warden; Bro. George Rigg, Secretary; Bro. Daniel Ubil, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 67, held in Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. William Kneass, W. Master; Bro. Charles Budd, S. Warden; Bro. William Stratton, J. Warden; Bro. Josiah S. Kay, Secretary; Bro. Lewis Taylor, Treasurer. Also, a Communication of the 11th Instant communicating the rejection of G—— H——.

Lodge No. 69, held in Chester. Election Return, returning Bro. Job. A. Terrill, W. Master; Bro. John Dermot, S. Warden; Bro. Septemus Flounders, J. Warden; Bro. William More, Secretary; Bro. Joseph Engle, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 70, held at Tyoga Point. Election Return to December last, returning Bro. Joseph Kingsbury, W. Master; Bro. Solomon Everts, S. Warden; Bro. Ebenezer Shaw, J. Warden; Bro. David Paine, Secretary; Bro. Avery Gore, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge No. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Adolph Ehringhaus, W. Master; Bro. Christian Johns, S. Warden; Bro. C. F. Adler, J. Warden; Bro. George Fitler, Secretary; Bro. George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 81, held at Germantown. A Communication of the 2nd April was received Communicating the expulsion of T—— T——.

Lodge No. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return to December last, returning Bro. Samuel Badger, W. Master; Bro. Henry M. Prevost, S. Warden; Bro. John L. Baker, J. Warden; Bro. Thomas S. Manning, Secretary; Bro. George E. Blake, Treasurer. Account of G. L. dues and Return of Members containing rejection of A—— L——.

Lodge No. 100, Cattawessy. Election Return of December last, returning Bro. Jacob Cline, W. Master; Bro. Philip Moyer, S. Warden; Bro. Joseph A. Hughs, J. Warden; Bro. Hezekiah Boone, Treasurer; Bro. William McKelvey, Secretary.

Lodge No. 102, held at Frankford. Election Return, returning Bro. John Livinsetter, W. Master; Bro. William A. Lee, S. Warden; Bro. William Thomas, J. Warden; Bro. George C. Troutman, Secretary; Bro. Mahlon Dungan, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 108, held at Wysox. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge No. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. James J. Skerrett, W. Master; Bro. John Tolbert, S. Warden; Bro. John W. Peter, J. Warden; Bro. Aquila A. Browne, Secretary; Bro. Peter A. Browne, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 119, held at Mountpleasant, Wayne County. Election Return, returning Bro. Brewster Freeman, W. Master; Bro. Elihu Tallman, S. Warden; Bro. William Ward, J. Warden; Bro. Samuel Ledgard, Secretary; Bro. Oliver Granger, Treasurer. Account of G. Lodge dues. Also, a Communication of the 6th June Instant, apologizing for the non payment of their dues, and promising to use their endeavours to settle all their dues by St. John the Evangelist's day next.

Lodge No. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Robert M. Lewis, W. Master; Bro. Charles G. Wilcox, S. Warden; Bro. Isaac Levis, J. Warden; Bro. Elhannan W. Keyser, Secretary; Bro. William W. Fisher, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 125, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members and Account of G. Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 127, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the 13th May, giving up the small room.

Lodge No. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. John Town, W. Master; Bro. Daniel Brady, S. Warden; Bro. Henry Witmer, J. W.; Bro. Michael Williamson, Secretary; Bro. Robert Clark, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Joseph Barnes, W. Master; Bro. Joseph R. Hopkins, S. Warden; Bro. Samuel Gilbert, J. Warden; Bro. George Gloninger, Secretary; Bro. Thomas Amies, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Alphonso C. Ireland, W. Master; Bro. William Delany, S. Warden; Bro. Anthony Fannen, J. Warden; Bro. Nathan R. Potts, Secretary; Bro. Frederick Erringer, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 139, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Robert Harris, junr., W. Master; Bro. John A. Lane, S. Warden; Bro. John Snyder, J. Warden; Bro. George Speal, Secretary; Bro. Ezekiel Buttler, Treasurer.

A Communication, dated yesterday, from the Grand Treasurer was received and read, stating the Sums of Money he had received and paid on Account of the Grand Lodge since he came into office, and suggesting the propriety of raising the rate of Grand Lodge dues of the Members of the Subordinate Lodge from 84 Cents to One Dollar per annum, to take effect from St. John's Day in December next. Which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at a quarter past Eleven o'clock in the Morning.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, 17th August, A. D. 1814, A. L. 5814.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present:

Brother RICHARD TYBOUT, R. W. Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Thomas Pearson, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

Brother George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun$^{r.}$, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Nathan Bunker, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" John P. Schott, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" John Sommer, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 91, 108, 110, 114, 115, 121, 125, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134 and 139 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at 3 o'clock, P. M.

A Petition from divers Brethren at Erie was read stating that owing to the Decease of Two and removal of several of the Brethren who Petitioned in 1810, for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Borough of Erie, the Warrant had not been called for, (the said Warrant was granted by this Grand Lodge on the 30th November, 1810, the Brother named therein as Worshipful Master has removed from Erie, and the Brother named as Senior Warden is Dead), And praying that the Warrant may be now issued and that the following Brethren may be named as officers instead of those before named, to wit: Giles Sanford, W. Master; Rufus S. Reed, Senior Warden, and John C. Wallace, Junior Warden.

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 4 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th September, Anno Domini 1814, Anno Lucis 5814.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Brother RICHARD TYBOUT, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun$^{r.}$, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Lambert Keating, Junior Grand Deacon.
" William Ruff, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun$^{r.}$, Grand Marshal.
" John L. Baker, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 91, 92, 100, 103, 108, 110, 113, 114, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 135 and 139 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that this Grand Lodge offer its services and those of all the Lodges under its Jurisdiction in the City and Vicinity of Philadelphia, to the Committee of defence, to take a tour of duty at the fortifications preparing for the defence of the city of Philadelphia, at such time and place as the Committee may require.

Resolved, that the Grand Officers convey the above Resolution to the Committee of defence.

A Petition was received from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 19, and read and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
"vania.

"The Petition of the undersigned officers of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 19,
"respectfully represents.

"That at a meeting of the said Lodge held on the Evening
"of the Second of June last, an election for Officers took
"place, when the late John Alexander was duly chosen Wor-
"shipful Master, for the ensuing six Months, commencing
"with S$^{t.}$ John's Day following. Shortly after the election,

"and previous to the instalment of the Officers, the said John "Alexander was attacked with a fatal disease which rendered "him unable to attend the meetings of the Lodge. The re-"maining officers have continued to fulfill their duties in "usual form to the best of their abilities, assisted occasionally "by Masters from other Lodges. The object of the present "address is to pray that the Grand Lodge may be pleased to "sanction what they have already done, and permit them to "continue until the next stated period for election, or to point "out to your Petitioners some other and better method of "conducting the business of the Lodge and your Petitioners "as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

(Sign'd) "JOSEPH CASKEY, S. W.
"HENRY ERDMAN, J. W."

"Attest:
"J. MAXWELL, Secy."

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that "the said proceedings of Lodge No. 19, be sanctioned and that "they be directed to go into an Election for a Worshipful "Master of the said Lodge.

A Petition was receiv'd and read from Bro. Andrew M. Prevost and others, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Army.

Which was ordered to Lie on the Table.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Our respected Brother, the Reverend James Milnor, R. W. Past Grand Master, to supply a Vacancy of Grand Chaplain in this Grand Lodge.

A Petition was received from Lodge No. 51, and read and is in the words following:

"To the Rt. Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Mem-"bers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, "&c., &c.

"The undersigned on behalf of Lodge No. 51, represent to "your honourable body, that in consequence of a miscon-"struction of the bye Laws of said Lodge, an irregularity "occurred in the Election of the Junior Warden of the Lodge. "A majority of Votes is required by the bye Laws to the

"election of any Officer, and it appearing that one of the "Candidates had the highest number of Votes, tho' not a "majority of the whole number, he was considered duly "elected and was installed. This has since been deemed by "the Lodge to have been illegal and contrary to the bye Laws "of the Grand Lodge, whereby the Chair of the Junior War-"den is vacant.

"It is therefore respectfully requested by Lodge N°. 51, that "the Grand Lodge will authorize Lodge N°. 51 to hold a new "election for the Chair of Junior Warden, on the next regu-"lar stated meeting of said Lodge.

(Sign'd) "ROBERT MILNOR.
"WALTER KER."

"Philadelphia,
"5th Septr., 1814."

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday, the 3rd day of October next, at 6 O'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, 7th September, Anno Domini 1814, A. L. 5814.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present:

Brother RICHARD TYBOUT, R. W. Grand Master.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" John P. Schott, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Bayse Newcomb, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Benjamin Jones, junr., Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Brother Charles Schneider, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 45, 70, 71, 91, 108, 113, 124, 126 and 139 represented.

Twelve Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Petition from Brother Andrew M. Prevost and others, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Army, read at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge and ordered to lie on the Table, was now read a second time and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and "Brethren of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State "of Pennsylvania:

"We the Subscribers, Members of the Fraternity, Respect- "fully Represent.

"That we, together with a great Number of Other Members "of the Grand Lodge, have entered into the Service of the "United States, and being willing that the benefits of Masonry "should be diffused as completely as possible among the "Members of the detachment, We respectfully request to grant "a Travelling Warrant to Andrew M. Prevost, Captain of the "Independent Artillerists, Candy Raguet, Captain of the "Washington Guards, and John W. Swift, 1 Lieutenant of "the 2nd Company of Washington Guards, as Master, Senior "and Junior Wardens. If your honourable body should "grant our request, we pledge ourselves to a rigid conformity "to all the rules and regulations not only to the Right Wor- "shipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but of the constitu- "tion of Masonry.

"ANDREW M. PREVOST.
"CANDY RAGUET.
"JN^O. W. SWIFT.
"JACOB CASH, jun^r.
"JAMES M. PORTES."

"Camp Bloomfield, Chester
"County, Penn., 2nd Septr. 1814.
"The within Petition recommended by

"Thomas Hennessy.	James Hamill.	"Past Masters serv-
"George C. Snyder.	I. Randall.	"ing in the De-
"Wm. Bosorth.	J. T. Clement.	"tachment."
"Florence Cotter.	Lodge 51.	

Which Petition and Recommendation being in due form agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, It was on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant for holding a new Lodge "wherever the Worshipful Master of the said Lodge for the "Time being shall be stationed in the Army of the United "States," to be Numbered 140.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Committee heretofore appointed to apply to the Legislature to have the new Hall exonerated from the payment of Taxes be authorized to apply to the City Councils, County Commissioners, the Board of Health, and the Guardians of the Poor, to exonerate the Hall from the payment of Taxes.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 4 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3rd October, A. D. 1814, A. L. 5814.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Brother RICHARD TYBOUT, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Alphonso C. Ireland, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Patrick McGuigan, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Brother William Wray, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" Thomas Pearson, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 48, 51, 70, 71, 91, 108, 110, 113, 114, 121, 126, 128, 131, 139 and 134 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being Represented Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Secretary Reported, that since the last Grand Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$70.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, . . .	21.84
From Lodge N°. 70, Dues, ...	111.
" Lodge N°. 108, "	25.
" Lodge N°. 126, "	100.
" Lodge N°. 64, "	15.
" Lodge N°. 91, "	264.89
" Lodge N°. 122, "	38.66
" Lodge N°. 50, "	20.53
" Lodge N°. 127, "	20.
" Royal Arch Chapter, N°. 52, . .	94.75
" Bro. Thomas Astley, Grand Treasurer, .	250.
" Victor Guillou, Rent, ...	450.
Total	$1481.67

Which was read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The R. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge A Letter dated the 24 Ultimo, at Camp Brandywine, which he had received from Brother Joseph T. Clement, whom he had authorized by Dispensation to constitute Lodge N°. 140, in the Army of the United States, which was read and in substance stated, that he had not yet constituted the Lodge, and was waiting for the answer of the Brethren whether they would be constituted, that the Brethren did not expect to pay for the

Warrant and that they considered it a hard case, that Men undergoing so many privations as they did in pecuniary and other various ways, should be subjected to a charge which it was inconvenient on the part of the Majority and which would effectually exclude from the benefits of Masonry, (at a time especially when the advantages of Masonry are to be exercised,) the worthy but indigent soldier.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge having maturely considered the peculiar situation of the Brethren in Camp, it was, On Motion made and Seconded, Unanimously Resolved, that the Grand Lodge relinquish the Cost of the Warrant of Lodge N°. 140, and of the dispensation to constitute said Lodge.

The Grand Secretary declared that he also relinquished his Fee on the Warrant and on the Dispensation.

An Appeal was read from C—— H——, appealing from a Vote of suspension passed against him by Lodge N°. 139, which on Motion made and Seconded, was referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers Michael Nisbet, Thos. Pearson and A. C. Ireland, to examine and Report thereon.

An Appeal was read from T—— T——, appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N°. 81. There being no Evidence before the Grand Lodge that Lodge N°. 81, had been notified of the Appeal, it was ordered to lie on the Table.

A Letter was receiv'd and read from Bro. Ezra Doty formerly Master of the late Lodge N°. 68, Vacated for the delinquency, whereby it appeared that the operations of the said Lodge had ceased since the Summer of 1807, which Letter was ordered to lay on the Table.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on the Communication from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana which was read, and on Motion made and Seconded, it was ordered that the Report be returned to the Committee to make a more explicit Report.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on the Communication referred to them from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was read and on Motion made and Seconded, it was ordered to be returned to the Committee to make a more explicit Report.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on the Communication referred to them from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

The Committee of Correspondence of the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, to whom was referred the Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia of March 6th, 5813, beg leave to Report,

"That they have examined the said Communication. It "contains a list of their Grand Officers for the Year 5813. A "report of a Committee appointed to enquire into the most "expedient mode of creating a fund for the Education of "Orphan Children, a list of reinstatements, suspensions and "expulsions, also an address delivered by Solomon Jacobs, "Grand Master, on Monday, December 14th, 5812, pointing to "the Brethren their most important duties, as well for their "own happiness as for promoting the advancement and re-"spectability of the Craft.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Saml. F. Bradford."

Which Report was accepted.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on the Communication referred to them from the late Lodge No. 93, lately held at New Orleans, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and "Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred "the Communication from Lodge No. 93, at New Orleans, pre-"sented in Grand Lodge June 21, 1813, beg leave to Report,

"That they have examined the said Communication and "find that it contains a respectful address to the R. W. Grand "Lodge, inclosing a Duplicate of their Communication of "September 30th, 1812, announcing of their having joined "four other lodges for the purpose of establishing a Grand "Lodge at New Orleans under the Name and title of the G. "Lodge of Louisiana; a list of their Members and dues from "June 24th, 1809, to August 29th, 1812, Amounting to $115.73, "which have been receiv'd, also their Original Warrant from

"this Grand Lodge. They tender to the Grand Lodge their "sincere thanks for their past favours, their regret at having "been forced by the circumstances to withdraw from under "their Jurisdiction, and they hope that the Grand Lodge will "approve of their proceedings, which have been dictated by "the purest Motives and the most fervent wishes for the ad-"vancement of Masonry. They pray the Grand Lodge would "please to acknowledge the receipt of their said Communica-"tion.

"Your Committee beg leave to propose the following resolu-"tion.

"Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "approve of the proceedings of Lodge N°. 93, in joining other "Lodges to form a Grand Lodge at New Orleans, and that "Brother Grand Secretary be directed to write to the W. "Master of the said Lodge Acknowledging the receipt of their "said Communication, and to furnish him with a Copy of "the present Report.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Sam^L. F. Bradford."

Which Report and Resolution were adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from Lodge N°. 122, held at New Orleans, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and "Masonic Jurisdiction thereto belonging:

"The Committee to whom was referred the communication "from Lodge N°. 122, at New Orleans of October 4th, 1813, "Beg leave to Report,

"That they have examined the said Communication and "find that the Lodge Acknowledges the receipt of a Com-"munication from Bro. G^d. Secretary of March 10th preceding, "with its several inclosures. They transmit 64\frac{71}{100}$ Amount "of all their dues to June 24th then last past, with the Ac-"counts, list of Officers, &c. They state that they conceive "they cannot hold any communication with the Grand Lodge "of Louisiana unless it should be first sanctioned by this

"Grand Lodge, and pray for the necessary information on the "Subject. They solicit the indulgence of the Grand Lodge "for authority to grant Dispensations in cases of emergency, "owing to the impossibility of their making application to the "R. W. G. Master, &c.

"Your Committee are sensible that the R. W. G. Lodge of "Pennsylvania having on the 9th of April, 5813, recognized "the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and agreed to an interchange "of Masonic communication and of a brotherly correspond-"ence with them, Lodge N°. 122 are at Liberty to hold with "the said Grand Lodge and the Lodges under their Jurisdic-"tion such fraternal intercourse as is proper and customary "among the different members of the Craft.

"Your Committee are also sensible that especially since two "or three years, Lodge 122 may have been under great diffi-"culties and suffered much on Account of Applications for "initiation and for passing the Chair and that such relief "should be granted to them as is consistent with ancient "Rules and Usages.

"Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following "resolution.

"Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master be respectfully "requested to consider the situation and embarrassment of "Lodge N°. 122, and grant them in the premises such relief "as in his wisdom he shall deem proper.

"Resolved, that Bro. G^d. Secretary furnish the W. Master "of Lodge N°. 122 with a Copy of the present report.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Walter Kerr.
"Joseph Burden."

Which Report and Resolutions were adopted.

Brother Thomas Astley, Grand Treasurer, made report that under the Authority of a Dispensation which the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to grant him in the Month of June last, he had visited several Lodges in the Western part of this State, which Report was read and ordered to be filed.

The Committee appointed on the Appeal of J—— M^cI——,

from the Vote of Expulsion passed against him by Lodge N°. 59, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Master, S. and Jur. Grand Wardens "and Brethren of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of "Penna.:

"Your Committee to whom was referr'd the Petition of "John McIlhenny, beg leave to Report,

"That upon examining the Book of Minutes of Washington "Lodge, N°. 59, they find the expulsion of John McIlhenny "noticed in the following manner, Viz:

"Adjd. Meeting September 22d., 1812, it being stated that a "certain John McIlhenny, a Member of this Lodge was ex-"pelled for unmasonic conduct and never more to become a "member of sd. Lodge."

"No motion having prevailed on a Stated Meeting and no "Committee having been appointed to Substantiate the charge "of unmasonic conduct, while the Circumstance of the expul-"sion taking place on Extra Meeting, Your Committee are of "Opinion the said Expulsion was contrary to the Ancient "usage of masonry and Illegal.

"Philad., May 28th, A. L. 5814.

(Sign'd) "MICHAEL NISBET.
"B. JONES, junr."

Which Report was accepted. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Expulsion of John McIlhenny by Lodge N°. 59, be reversed.

A Communication dated the 24 May last, was received and read from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, containing the Names of the Grand Officers for the present year, which was ordered to be filed.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, containing an account of the transactions of the said Grand Lodge for the past year, the names of the Grand Officers, &c., which communication was referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

A Communication dated the 2nd Instant was receiv'd and read from Lodge N°. 9, held in this City, containing the sus-

pension of the following Brethren for non payment of dues, Viz: H—— M^cC——, J—— D——, J—— B——, D—— R——, D—— A——, J—— P——, R—— H——.

Lodge N°. 22, held at Sunbury. Election Return, returning Bro. Michael Kutzner, W. M.; Bro. George Martin, S. W.; Bro. Thomas Billington, J. W.; Bro. Samuel Awl, Secretary; Bro. Enoch Smith, Treasurer. Also, partial Return of Members, containing the expulsion of W—— B——, D—— L——, J—— C—— and J—— C—— (middle creek) for non payment of dues.

Lodge N°. 50, held at West Chester. Election Return to December last, returning Bro. William Darlington, W. Master; Bro. Major McVeagh, S. Warden; Bro. Joseph Jackson, J. Warden; Bro. Isaac Darlington, Secretary; Bro. John Duer, Junr., Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 64, held at Greensburg. Election Return, returning Bro. John H. Wise, W. Master; Bro. David Cook, S. Warden; Bro. James Armstrong, J. Warden; Bro. Samuel Guthrie, Secretary; Bro. Griffith Clark, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues, also a communication from said Lodge dated the 18th July last, was receiv'd and read informing that the Lodge was removed on the 1st of April, 1814, from the Sign of the Bear to the Sign of General Washington, East Corner of Main and Attermans Street, an Inn kept by Brother Griffith Clark, who late kept at the Bear.

Lodge N°. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Charles Schneider, W. Master; Bro. John Jones, S. Warden; Bro. Robert Brocklehurst, J. Warden; Bro. William Boyce, Secretary; Bro. William Bozorth, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. John Francis Canonge, W. Master; Bro. Lewis Houard, S. Warden; Bro. James Gardette, J. Warden; Bro. Augustus Poupon, Secretary; Bro. James Dundas, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return, return-

ing Bro. Benjamin Levering, W. Master; Bro. George Hunter, S. Warden; Bro. Jacob Holgate, J. Warden; Bro. Christian Keisel, Secretary; Bro. Michael Riter, Treasurer. Also, a Communication from said Lodge informing of the suspension of J—— U—— and W—— C—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. John L. Baker, W. Master; Bro. Wm. J. Bedlock, S. Warden; Bro. George Dennison, J. Warden; Bro. T. S. Manning, Secretary; Bro. Samuel Badger, Treasurer. Also, communicating the suspension of the following Members on the 27 June last for non payment of dues, Viz: S. H. T——, A—— A——, W—— R——, J. T. H——, R. W. H——, A. McG——, C—— S——, T—— G——, J. R——, W—— D——, B—— D——, S—— B——, J—— C——, A. J. C. H——, J. H. C——. Also, communicating the expulsion of the following Members on the 25 July last for non payment of dues, Viz: S—— L. J——, B—— G——, J—— L—— T——, J—— H—— and J—— C——.

A Communication dated July 28th was received and read from Lodge No. 102, held at Frankford, informing of the suspension of T—— H——, I—— M—— and C—— F—— for non payment. Also, a communication from said Lodge of the 30th Sept., was receiv'd and read, informing that Charles Finney had been reinstated.

Lodge No. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. James Harper, junr., W. Master; Bro. Isaac Macauley, S. Warden; Bro. John M. Waters, J. Warden; Bro. David McKibbin, Secretary; Bro. Patrick O'Boyle, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 122, held at New Orleans. Election Return to December last, returning Bro. Maunsel White, W. Master; Bro. James Hopkins, S. Warden; Bro. Alexr. H. Smith, J. Warden; Bro. William Boswell, Secretary; Bro. John Nixon, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws. Also, a

Letter from said Lodge expressing sentiments of Love, obedience and fraternal affection towards the Grand Lodge was read and ordered to be filed.

Lodge N°. 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Andrew Busch, W. Master; Bro. Charles Hupfeld, S. Warden; Bro. William Maywag, J. Warden; Bro. Chas. H. Schafhirt, Secretary; Bro. Jacob Belsterling, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Samuel Durborow, W. Master; Bro. Michael H. Anthony, S. Warden; Bro. John McCauley, J. Warden; Bro. Thomas I. Matthews, Secretary; Bro. Stacy K. Potts, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. John Carter, W. Master; Bro. Wm. Forgrave, S. Warden; Bro. Wm. Coxe, J. Warden; Bro. Thos. Cave, jun^r., Secretary; Bro. John P. Schott, Treasurer.

A Communication was receiv'd and read from Lodge N°. 131, informing that they had altered certain articles of the Bye Laws of the Lodge; referred to the Committee on Bye Laws.

Lodge N°. 134, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Jacob Mechlin, W. M.; Bro. Saml. Worman, S. W.; Bro. Randal Hutchinson, J. W.; Bro. William Platt, Secretary; Bro. William Patton, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge N°. 135, held at Roxborough. Election Return, returning Bro. Maurice Starne, W. M.; Bro. Henry Rittenhouse, S. W.; Bro. James Robinson, J. W.; Bro. John Levering, Secretary; Bro. John Sinket, Treasurer.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 139, was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That Doctor J. J. Cornwall be informed That unless he shall on or before the next Grand Quarterly Communication repay the Sum of Fifty Dollars loaned him by this Grand Lodge in 1799, the Grand Lodge will then expel him from the Institu-

tion of Masonry and Communicate his Expulsion to all their Subordinate Lodges, to all the Grand Lodges in the United States, and to all the Grand Lodges of the Correspondence in America and in Europe; And that thereupon, they will bring Suit against him for the recovery of the Money so loaned him.

The Communication from the Grand Treasurer, of the 23 June last, read in G. Lodge on the 24 June last and ordered to lay on the Table, suggesting the propriety of raising the rate of Grand Lodge dues of the Members of the subordinate Lodges from 84 Cents to One Dollar, per Annum, to take effect from St. John's Day in December next, was called up for consideration and read a Second time.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said Communication be referred to Brothers Kerr, Burden, G. A. Baker, Wray, Durborow, Astley and Ireland, to inquire into the propriety of raising the Grand Lodge dues and that they make report.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 5th, A. D. 1814, A. L. 5814.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. RICHARD TYBOUT, R. W. Grand Master.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" A. C. Ireland, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Bayse Newcomb, junr., Senior Grand Deacon.
" Lambert Keatting, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Pearson, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" George A. Baker, junr., Deputy Grand Secretary.

Bro. Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, R. W. P. D. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 91, 100, 103, 108, 113, 114, 115, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134 and 139 represented.

Twenty Eight Lodges being Represented Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Grand Special and adjourned Grand Quarterly Communications were read and approved of.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for holding the Elections for Grand Officers for the ensuing year. He also stated that it was inconvenient for him to discharge the duties of Grand Master for another year and begged leave to decline a re-election. He thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him by electing him to the honourable station of Grand Master, the duties of which he had endeavoured to perform to the best of his abilities, but he was sensible how much he was indebted to the liberality and partiality of the Brethren, in overlooking the Errors he may have committed. He tendered his wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Grand Lodge, and begged the Members to accept his sincere wishes for their individual happiness and prosperity.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the Election, when

Brother Samuel F. Bradford, Esquire, was duly elected R. W. Grand Master.
" Walter Kerr, Esquire, was duly elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Brother Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, arose and stated that he had acted as a Warden in the Grand Lodge for several years and declined a re-election. The Election was thereupon continued and

Brother Bayse Newcomb, jun$^{r.}$, Esquire, was duly elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Joseph Barnes, Esquire, was duly elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary, and

" Thomas Astley was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday, the 19th Day of December Instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 19th, A. D. 1814, A. L. 5814.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. RICHARD TYBOUT, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Alphonso C. Ireland, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Robert Milnor, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Lambert Keatting, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Pearson, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" William Ruff, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" George A. Baker, ju$^{r.}$, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
" Israel Israel, R. W. P. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 45, 51, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 91, 108, 113, 115, 121, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134 and 139 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

A Letter was receiv'd and read from Brother Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, declining to accept of the office. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, the G. L. proceeded to the Election, when Bro^r. Richard Bache, Esquire, was duly elected R. W. Grand Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

The Grand Secretary Reported, that since the last Grand Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$50.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, . . .	27.30
Total	$77.30

Which was read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

A Communication was receiv'd and read from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, containing a List of the Grand Officers for the present year, which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication dated the 1st October last, was received from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, giving an Account of a Union which had taken place in England between the Grand Lodges of Ancient and Modern Masons, which was referred to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon.

The Grand Secretary having called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the Communication of Lodge N°. 52, read in Grand Lodge on the 27th Decem^r., 1813, stating the rejection of a certain J—— C—— for reason of his having been connected with a Spurious Lodge. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the above rejection be referred to a Committee to enquire into the circumstances of the Case and Report thereon to the Grand Lodge. Brothers Kerr, T. Pearson and Blame were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

Lodge N°. 21, held at Harrisburg. Election Return to June last, returning Brother Robert McElwee, W. Master; Brother John Frazer, S. Warden; Brother Hugh Rowland, J. Warden; Brother George W. Hollis, Secretary; Brother

John A. Stehley, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return to June last, returning Brother William Hill, W. Master; Brother Joseph Cooper, S. Warden; Brother Samuel Stackhouse, J. Warden; Brother George G. Tresse, Secretary; Brother Robert Mercer, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 60, held at Brownsville, Fayette County. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

A communication dated the 15 October last, was received from Lodge 67 held at Philadelphia, informing of the suspension of the following brethren for non payment of dues, Viz: A—— W——, C—— R——, J—— M——, S—— J——, E—— G——, D—— E—— and M—— H——. Also, communication from the said Lodge of the 9th Instant was received, informing of the reinstatement of Daniel Estell.

A Letter of the 1st October last, was received and read from Lodge N°. 82, held at Milford, Pike County, mentioning that they had inclosed One hundred and twenty Dollars on Account of Grand Lodge dues, (which the Grand Secretary stated had been paid to the Grand Treasurer), and soliciting a further indulgence for the payment of the residue, which they promised to forward as soon as it could be collected.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that further time be granted to Lodge N°. 82 to pay their dues.

A Communication of the 26th November was received from Lodge N°. 100, held at Bloomsburg, Northumberland County, informing of the Rejection of J—— B—— by the said Lodge.

A Communication of the 1st Instant was received and read from Lodge N°. 123, held at Yorktown, in York County, Pennsylvania, describing the situation of the Lodge, stating certain difficulties and inconveniences under which the Lodge laboured, and praying for permission to cease working for some time.

On Motion made and Seconded, the said Communication was referred to Brothers Kerr, Ireland and Barnes to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 124, held in the Borough of Erie. A Return to

the Dispensation for constituting the said Lodge was received and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly constituted on the First day of September last.

Lodge N°. 133, held in the Town of Beaver. A Return to the Dispensation for constituting the said Lodge was received and read, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly constituted on the —— day of November, 1812. A Commission duly Executed by Lodge N°. 133, held at the Borough of Beaver, appointing Bro. Richard Tybout their Proxy, was read. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Brother Tybout was duly recognized as Proxy of said Lodge.

The Grand Secretary, from the Book of Dispensations, read the Record of a Dispensation granted by the R. W. Grand Master on the 14th day of November last, to the Officers and Members of Lodge N°. 103, held at Havanna, whose Warrant had been destroyed by fire, Authorizing them to continue their Masonic labours in as full and ample a manner, as if their Warrant was still in existence, until the pleasure of the Grand Lodge in the Premises should be made known to them.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Tuesday, 27th Decemr., A. D. 1814, A. L. 5814.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro. RICHARD TYBOUT, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.
" Samuel F. Bradford, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" John Sommer, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Maulby J. Littleboy, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Lambert Keatting, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" William H. Finley, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" George A. Baker, jun$^{r.}$, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71, 73, 91, 108, 113, 114, 127, 131, 133 and 139 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

So much of the Minutes of last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers, was read, And thereupon, the following Grand Officers Elect, were severally Installed into their respective Offices in Ancient and solemn form, to wit:

Bro. Samuel F. Bradford, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.
" Walter Kerr, Esquire, R. W. D. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun$^{r.}$, Esq., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Barnes, Esq., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Bro. Richard Bache, the Grand Treasurer Elect, not being present his Installation could not take place.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following Appointments, to wit:

Bro. Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Esq., Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev$^{d.}$ Bro. James Milnor, D. D., } Grand Chaplains.
" " William Rogers, D. D., }
" " George Potts, D. D., }
Bro. Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.
" William Wray, }
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun$^{r.}$, Esq., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz:

Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq.,
" Walter Kerr, Esquire,
" Joseph Barnes, Esquire,
} Committee of Correspondence.

" William Page,
" Mark Richards, Esq.,
" Benjn. Jones, jun^r.,
} Committee of Accounts.

" Richard Bache, Esq.,
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Esq.,
" Thomas Kittera, Esq.,
} Committee to Examine the Bye Laws of the Sub^e. Lodges.

" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq.,
" Joseph Barnes, Esquire,
" Thomas Kittera, Esquire,
} Committee to Examine the transactions of the last Year and select for publication.

Bro. Samuel Lippincott, T.,
" Frederick Erringer, Esq.,
" Thomas Amies,
" James Harper, jun^r., Esq.,
" Alphonso C. Ireland, Esq.,
} Hall Committee.

" Jacob Belsterling for the N. Liberties.
" George A. Baker, for the City.
" Daniel Bussier, Esq., for the Southwark.
} Recommenders of objects to the Philadelphia Dispensary.

Bro. Grand Secretary stated that he had re-appointed Bro. George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary for the ensuing year and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the Appointment. Whereupon, the same was unanimously approved.

The Lodges being called on for their Returns, the following Returns were presented and read, Viz:

Lodge N°. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. John Sommer, W. Master; Bro. James McKeage, S. Warden; Bro. Robert Allen, J. Warden; Bro. Anthony Lafitte, Secretary; Bro. Joseph Burden, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. M. John Littleboy, W. Master; Bro. Charles Mercier, S. Warden; Bro. Benjamin Duncan, J. Warden; Bro. Daniel Wythe, Secretary; Bro. John Maull, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Wm. H. Finley, W. Master; Bro. John H. Lemmon, S. Warden; Bro. Daniel Creth, J. Warden; Bro. James Thompson, Secretary; Bro. Thomas Clyde, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge No. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Charles Ross, W. Master; Bro. Joseph Watson, S. Warden; Bro. Benjamin S. Stevens, J. Warden; Bro. John Potter, Secretary; Bro. James McAlpin, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge No. 61, held at Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County. Election Return, returning Bro. John B. Gibson, W. Master; Bro. Eleazer Blackman, S. Warden; Bro. Samuel Bowman, J. Warden; Bro. Jesse Fell, Secretary; Bro. Stephen Tuttle, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Charles Budd, W. Master; Bro. Richd. P. Cumming, S. Warden; Bro. John Wharton, J. Warden; Bro. Josiah S. Kay, Secretary; Bro. Lewis Taylor, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge No. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Charles Schneider, W. Master; Bro. John Jones, S. Warden; Bro. Robert Brocklehurst, J. Warden; Bro. William Boyce, Secretary; Bro. William Bozorth, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Christian Jahns, W. Master; Bro. C. F. Adler, S. Warden; Bro. Armon Davis, J. Warden; Bro. George Fitler, Secretary; Bro. George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return, returning Bro. George Hunter, W. Master; Bro. Jacob Holgate, S. Warden; Bro. William Crout, J. Warden; Bro. Christian Keisel, Secretary; Bro. Michael Riter, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge No. 84, held at Somerset. Election Return, returning Bro. James Clark, W. Master; Bro. Frederick Beagel, S. Warden; Bro. John Tantlinger, J. Warden; Bro. William Philson, Secretary; Bro. Samuel McAnnulty, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge N°. 91, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the re-instatement of Bartholomew Graves and Samuel Borden.

Lodge N°. 108, held at Wysox. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge N°. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. John W. Peter, W. Master; Bro. Peter A. Browne, S. Warden; Bro. Aguila A. Browne, J. Warden; Bro. Thomas Burroughs, Secretary; Bro. Andrew Fisher, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge N°. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Charles G. Wilcox, W. Master; Bro. Isaac Levis, S. Warden; Bro. Joseph Woolens, J. Warden; Bro. George Benners, Secretary; Bro. William W. Fisher, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. Dues.

Lodge N°. 128, held at Philadelphia. Bro. Henry Witmer, W. Master; Bro. Daniel Marshall, S. Warden; Bro. Luke Balf, J. Warden; Bro. James Hutchinson, Secretary; Bro. Paul Godshal, Treasurer. Return of Members, communicating the expulsion of J—— S—— and E—— H—— for non payment of dues, also Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. Christian Kneass, W. Master; Bro. Joseph R. Hopkins, S. Warden; Bro. Samuel Gilbert, J. Warden; Bro. John H. Curtis, Secretary; Bro. Thomas Amies, Senr., Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 137, held at Bedford. Election Return, returning Bro. Samuel Riddle, W. Master; Bro. George W. Barker, S. Warden; Bro. Jacob Fletcher, J. Warden; Bro. George Burd, Secretary; Bro. Abraham Kerns, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge N°. 139, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro. John A. Lane, W. Master; Bro. John Snyder, S. Warden; Bro. Thomas Stevenson, J. Warden; Bro. William Colten, Secretary; Bro. Ezekiel Butler, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to address a circular Letter to the Masters of the Subordinate Lodges in

the City and vicinity, requesting them to make payments to the Grand Treasurer on Account of dues, without waiting for the settlement of their Accounts, and to urge their doing it immediately, as the Money is wanted for the payment of the Interest on the Masonic Loans, which must be paid on the 1st January next.

A communication of the 10th September last, was receiv'd from Lodge No. 103, held at Havanna, and ordered to be laid on the Table.

Grand Lodge closed in ample Form at One o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th March, A. D. 1815, A. L. 5815.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. WALTER KERR, R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun., Esq., R. W. S. G. Warden.
" Joseph Barnes, Esq., R. W. J. G. Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Lambert Keatting, S. G. Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Esq., J. G. Deacon.
" Boyd Reilly, G. Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun., Esq., Grand Marshal.
" George A. Baker, jun., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Past Dep. Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Past S. G. Warden.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 91, 92, 100, 108, 110, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134, 138 and 139 represented.

Thirty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was

Opened in Due Form, (the R. W. D. G. M. being in the Chair,) at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Adjourned Grand Quarterly and Grand General Communications were read.

Brother Richard Bache, Esqr. R. W. Grand Treasurer Elect, was Installed in Ancient and Solemn Form.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, cherishing the most lively sense of gratitude for the Assiduous, long and uninterrupted services rendered by Bro^r. Richard Tybout, Esqr., their late R. W. Grand Master, in the Various Stations he has filled in the Order, more especially for the Upright and Impartial manner in which as Grand Master he presided over the Craft, and during whose Auspices the Grand Lodge continued to enjoy in an undiminished Degree, that elevated rank heretofore obtained,

Do Resolve, That a Past Grand Master's Jewell, of Gold of Superior Beauty, with Appropriate Hangings, be made and presented in Grand Lodge to Brother Richard Tybout, Esquire, accompanied with an expression of the Thanks of the Grand Lodge for the many useful services rendered by him to the Fraternity, for the Ability, Zeal and Integrity with which he discharged the Duties of the Chair, and a presentation of our earnest prayers for his Temporal Happiness and prosperity, requesting that he will be pleased to continue his labours among us until he shall be translated to that Grand Lodge Above "not made with Hands, Eternal in the Heavens."

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be a Committee to procure the said Jewell and Hangings.

A Letter from the R. W. Grand Master was received and read, and is as follows, Viz:

"Philad^a., March 6th, 1815.

"The R. W. Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"Respected Brethren,

"It having pleased Almighty God, in his unerring Wis-
"dom, to change my once prosperous situation into a state of
"Adversity and trial, it behooves me to bow, with humble
"resignation, to the Dispensations of his Providence, and to

"endeavour to bring all the outward circumstances of my life "to the level of my present condition. In consonance with "these views, I feel it my Duty to resign the distinguished "Honour which Your too kind partiality conferred on me at "the last Election. Trusting that you will immediately place "the Office in Abler and more fortunate Hands, I remain, "With the most unfeigned wishes for Your prosperity and "Happiness, collectively and individually,

"Your Affectionate Friend and Brother,

"SAM^L. F. BRADFORD."

Whereupon Resolved, That the Consideration thereof be postponed to the next Quarterly Communication.

A Report from the Trustees of the Masonic Loans was receiv'd and read, and is as follows, to wit:

"At a Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic "Loans, held at the New Hall of the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl- "vania, in Chestnut Street, Philad^a., on Monday, the 2nd Jan^y., "1815, at 6 o'clock, P. M., It was, On Motion made and Sec- "onded, Resolved, That a Copy of the Account of the Board "of Trustees, which was laid before the Stockholders this "Morning at their Annual Meeting, exhibiting the Receipt of "Monies by the Trustees during the last Year, and their In- "vestment of the same in Stock, on Account of the Sinking "Fund, be transmitted to the Grand Lodge for their informa- "tion.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"GEORGE A. BAKER,

"Secretary to the Board of Trustees."

"Dr. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in Account with the Trustees of the Masonic Loans. Cr.

"1814.		"1814.	
"Febr^y. 19.	To Cash paid for $680, United States 6℘ cent. stock of the 7½ Million Loan, for the Sinking Fund, at 90℘ cent. . .	$612.	"Febr^y. 16. By Cash receiv'd of the Grand Treasurer on Order of G. M^r. . . . . $500. By ditto receiv'd 6 Months Interest on 4 Shares Masonic Loan, due 1st January. 12. By ditto receiv'd 6 Months Dividend on 40 Shares Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock . . . . . 100.
			$612.
"July 20.	To Cash paid for $695.93, United States 6℘ cent. Stock of the 7½ Million Loan, for the Sinking Fund, at 83¾ ℘ cent .	582.84	"July 18. By Cash receiv'd of the Grand Treasurer on order of G. M^r. . . . . $430. " By ditto receiv'd 6 Months Interest on 4 Shares Masonic Loans, due 1st January. . . . . 12. " By ditto receiv'd 6 Months Dividend on 40 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock. . . . . 100. " By ditto receiv'd Interest on $680, United States Stock of the 7½ Million Loan. 20.84
			$582.84

"The Sinking Fund now consists of the following stock,
"Viz:

"40 Shares Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock and
"Dividends thereon from 1st July, 1814.

"4 Shares Masonic Loan and Interest thereon from 1st July,
"1814.

"$1375.93 of the 7½ Million Loan U. S. 6℘ cent. Stock and
"Interest thereon from 1st July, 1814.

"The above submitted for the information of the Stock-
"holders of the Masonic Loans.

"N. B.—In 1814 the Taxes on the New Hall for the Years
"1811, 1812 and 1813 were paid, Amounting to the sum of
"$1019.40, otherwise the investments on Account of the Sink-
"ing Fund would have been much more in 1814.

"Philadelphia, 2nd January, 1815,
"Errors and Omissions Excepted.
"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"Secretary to the Board of Trustees."

Which Report was Order'd to be Enter'd on the Minutes.

The Grand Secretary Reported, that since St. John's Day last he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$50.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, ...	5.46
Total	$55.46

Which was Ordered to be Entered on the Minutes.

The Grand Secretary presented his Account with the Grand Lodge for the last Year, which was referr'd to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and Report thereon.

The Grand Secretary presented his Account respecting the Interest of the Masonic Loans for the last Year, Which was referr'd to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and Report thereon.

The Account of Bro. Astley, late Grand Treasurer, was presented and referr'd to the Committee of Accts. to Examine and Report thereon.

A Letter from Bro^r. John C. Baum, late W. M^r. of Lodge N°. 62, held at Reading, dated 4th Instant, was read, stating that in the Royal Arch Chapter, lately established under the Warrant of Lodge N°. 62, they had passed several Master Masons to the Chair, which having since discovered to be wrong, he communicated to the Grand Lodge and requests Advice how to correct their Errors and offering to pay for Dispensations for passing said Brethren to the Chair and promising to be careful not to Act incorrectly for the future. Said Letter was accompanied by a Copy of the Minutes of said Royal Arch Chapter, whereby it appears that Ten Master Masons were so irregularly passed to the Chair.

Whereupon, On Consideration, Resolved, That the Grand Lodge Approve of Dispensations being granted for passing said 10 Brethren to the Chair in Lodge N°. 62, which were so irregularly passed to the Chair in said Arch.

A Letter from Victor Guillou, dated 12th January last, was read offering to surrender his Lease of the lower parts of the New Hall on the 1st Day of April next.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform M^r. Guillou that the Grand Lodge do not conceive it is in their power to accept of the surrender of his Lease.

A Communication from Bro^r. Duplessis, Proxy of Lodge N°. 103, held at Havannah, respecting said Lodge, was read and Ordered to lay on the Table.

Bro^r. John Conrad, Past Master of Lodge N°. 135, held at Roxborough, stated, That their Master Elect, Bro^r. Samuel Conrad, by reason of his absence from home, (he being at the seat of Government of this State,) had not yet been Installed. Whereupon,

Resolved, That they be Authorized to Install their said Master Elect into the Office of W. Master of said Lodge in Ancient Form.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock in the Evening, to the Third Monday in the present Month at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

George A. Baker,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 20th March, A. D. 1815, A. L. 5815.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, R. W. Grand Master.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Lambert Keatting, S. Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, J. Grand Deacon.
" Charles Ross, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal, P. T.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. P. D. G. M.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. P. S. G. W.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 72, 73, 77, 91, 103, 108, 113, 115, 121, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139 and 114 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

A Letter was receiv'd from Victor Guillou, dated 18th Instant and read, Acknowledging the right of the Resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 6th Instant in Answer to his offer of surrendering his Lease of the Lower parts of the New Hall, stating that circumstances have made it impossible for him to comply with his Contract, and requesting that if the Grand Lodge will not accept of the surrender of his Lease, that they will allow him the Quarter's Rent commencing on the 1st of April next.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the said Letter of Victor Guillou be referr'd to the Trustees of the Masonic Loans with a recommendation on the part of this Grand Lodge, that they comply with his request.

A Letter from Bro^r. Duplessis was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the G. L. of Pennsylv^a. and Masonic Juris-
"diction thereunto belonging:

"R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren:

"I am directed by the Worshipful present Officers and "Members of the W. Lodge 'Les Vertus Theologales, N°. 103,' "held at Havanna, to submit to the consideration of the Grand "Lodge the following statement of their past and present Cir-"cumstances, (to wit): Since about Eight Years the said "Lodge has been constituted, they have not ceased to experi-"ence all possible difficulties and persecutions from the Con-"stituted Authorities of the Country, and from the Treachery "of some persons who, it is to be presumed, had only become "Masons for the most sinister purposes. Several of their Offi-"cers and Worthy Members have been much injured in their "property, have lost their situations and were obliged to quit "the Country. Many of the Brethren were kept from attend-"ing the Lodge by the constant fear of being discouraged, &c.; "few more Zealous and faithful Brethren seized every Oppor-"tunity of Meeting to console One another and to endeavour "to keep up the Brotherly communications and to increase "their Numbers. Their Warrant and Minutes Book, &c., "were destroyed by Fire to prevent their falling in the Hands "of Government. Their Seal was found and carried away, "but was secretly restored by the interference of some good "unknown friends of the Craft.

"The Brethren have notwithstanding and through perse-"verance succeeded in Uniting together between Thirty and "Forty Members, &c. They proceeded to the Election of Offi-"cers in June last, 5814, and upon the representation made "by me their Proxy and our worthy Bro^r. Pedro Duler in "November or December last, to the then R. W. Grand "Master, Bro. Richard Tybout, he was pleased to grant the "Lodge N°. 103, his Dispensation to continue their works, &c., "Notwithstanding the loss of their Warrant, until the pleasure "of the Grand Lodge should be made known to them. They "have received the said Dispensation and are acting under it.

"The Lodge is composed of the most respectable persons of "the place, and there is no doubt they will do Honor to the "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. I have acquainted the Lodge "that no Dues were ever remitted to the Grand Lodge, and "that they must be paid. The present Members are almost "all New Members, the Old Ones not daring to meet and "some have entirely withdrawn until they find the Times "more secure, &c. The Lodge offers to pay the R. W. Grand "Lodge One Hundred Dollars, which they have forwarded to "Bro^r. Duler, and hope the Grand Lodge will accept of the "sum in full of their Dues to S^t. John's Day last, promising "at the same Time to endeavour by all the prudent means in "their power to recover from some former Officers, and especi-"ally from a late W. Master, the different sums they have re-"ceived, and to send to the Grand Lodge from the first "Monies they may have recovered, such further sum as may "be judged adequate to the Dues which have accrued and re-"main unpaid. They promise to be punctual in future to "pay all their Dues, And they will never cease to offer their "most fervent prayers to the Supreme Architect for the pros-"perity of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the "individual happiness of all the Brethren.

"For and in behalf of the W^l. Lodge Les Vertus Theolo-"gales, N°. 103.

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Proxy.'

"Philad^a., March 6, 5815."

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge accept the Sum of One Hundred Dollars in full of the Dues owing by the present Members of Lodge N°. 103, Les Vertus Theologales, to S^t. John's Day last.

Resolved, That Lodge N°. 103, shall take every prudent and speedy means to obtain from any former Officers and especially from the W^l. D^on Manuel de Aguilar, their late Master such sums of Money as they may have received belonging to said Lodge, and that from the Monies the Lodge shall have so received they shall send to this Grand Lodge such further sum as may be judged adequate to the Dues which have heretofore accrued and remain due.

Resolved, That Bro^r. Grand Secretary be directed to furnish Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Proxy of said Lodge N°. 103, with an Exemplification of their Warrant, with a Copy of Bro^r. Duplessis Letter to this Grand Lodge and of the above Resolutions, *the Costs whereof shall be paid by the said Proxy.*

Note. The last Line, scored with Red, was Order'd to be stricken out of the G. Secretary's request. See Minutes of 5 June. Page 385.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge Adjourns, it do Adjourn to to Morrow Afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 107, held at Kaskaskia, which was read and Adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master having made an Address on the Importance of the establishment of a School for Teaching unlearned Adults to read the Holy Scriptures, It was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Officers and Four other Members of this Grand Lodge, to be appointed by the Grand Master, be a Committee, to establish in any Apartment or Apartments of the Building, Excepting the Grand Lodge room, a Sunday School for the teaching unlearned Adults to read the Holy Scripture without Note or commentary, the Funds, if any should be found necessary, to be raised by Voluntary subscriptions among the Fraternity or other Benevolently disposed persons, and that said Committee immediately take the necessary steps to carry this resolution into effect.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Appoint the following Brethren to compose, in conjunction with the Grand Officers, the above mentioned Committee, to wit: Andrew M. Prevost, Peter A. Browne, Samuel Lippincott, T. and Thomas Entrikin.

The following Resolution was offered and Ordered to lay on the Table, to wit:

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Prints in the Tylers Room for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions shall be removed, And that in

future no person shall be at liberty to place anything there for that purpose.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock in the Evening to meet to Morrow Afternoon at 3 o'clock.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 21st March, A. D. 1815, A. L. 5815.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Walter Kerr, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Barnes, Esqr., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" John Sommer, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., D^y. Grand Secretary.
" Charles Schneider, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Josiah Randall, Esqr., Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Charles Budd, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. Past D. G. Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 45, 67, 70, 71, 91, 108, 113, 114, 121, 127, 130 and 139 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at Half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 122, held at New Orleans, which was read and Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Amend-

ments to the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 131, held at Philadelphia, which was read and Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 133, held in the Town of Beaver, which was read and Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 139, held at Philadelphia, which was read and Adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 6th June last, on the Petition of Joseph H. Vanderslice, stating that he had made Application for Membership to Lodge No. 72, held in this City, but that by reason of the resolution Adopted by this Grand Lodge, preventing him from Visiting the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, his Application was laying over in said Lodge No. 72, and therefore praying the Grand Lodge to rescind their said Resolution respecting him, made Report, which was read and Ordered to lay on the Table.

It having been stated that the said Joseph H. Vanderslice, had been solicited by the late Spurious Lodge in this City to become a Member thereof, but that knowing them to be an illegal Body he had declined the same, And also, that he had by some means succeeded in obtaining their pretended Warrant, which he delivered to the Grand Secretary and which the Grand Secretary now presented to the Grand Lodge. In Consideration whereof, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Lodge No. 72, have permission to Elect the said Joseph H. Vanderslice, a Member of their said Lodge, provided he shall upon due Enquirey and Ballotting in regular Manner, be found worthy.

The Resolution laid on the Table Yesterday respecting the removing of Prints out of the Tylers Room was again read. And

On Motion made and Seconded, the same was Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Committee appointed on the 20th December, 1813, on a Communication from Lodge No. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County, respecting a certain Daniel Miller, was discharged, And a New Committee

consisting of the present W. Master of Lodge N°. 45, (Pittsburg), N°. 110, (Connelsville), and N°. 113, (Pittsburg), were appointed to enquire and make Report.

A Letter from William McCluney, late a Member of the late Lodge N°. 78, held at the Old Mingo Towns, Vacated for Delinquency in 1806 was read, being on the subject of re-establishing the said Lodge. It was referr'd to Bro^rs. Kerr, Barnes and Darragh to examine and Report thereon.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 5 o'clock, P. M., to the First Monday in April next at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3^d April, A. D. 1815, A. L. 5815.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" John W. Peter, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" Charles Schneider, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Horatio B. Pennock, Dep^y. Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 52, 67, 71, 72, 91, 113, 114, 115, 121, 126, 128, 130, 131, 133, 139 and 134 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, of 8th November last, being their last Annual Communication was read and Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, of 7 February last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, of their proceedings in August and November last, was read and Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

The following Returns, &c., were read, Viz:

Lodge No. 2, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 3, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 25, held at Bristol. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 45, held at Pittsburgh. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members.

Lodge No. 62, held at Reading. Election Returns. Returns of Members. Accounts of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 64, held at Greensburg. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 66, held at Robinson Township, Berks Co. A Letter from Bro. Jonathan Hudson, W. Mr. of said Lodge was read, respecting their having through Error pass'd several Brethren to the Chair, and desiring to do what is right and proper in Order to correct their Error. Whereupon, On Consideration,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge Approve of Dispensations being granted for passing those Brethren to the Chair in said

Lodge No. 66, who have been irregularly passed to the Chair in manner as above stated.

Lodge No. 71, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 102, held at Frankford. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancr. Co. Election Returns. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 113, held at Pittsburgh. Election Return. Return of Members.

Lodge No. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 120, held at Tioga. Return of Members.

Lodge No. 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 130, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 132, held at West Nantmeal Township, Chester County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 134, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 135, held at Roxborough. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 138, held at Orwigsburg. Election Returns. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 139, held at Philadelphia. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

A Letter from Bro^r. Robert McNeeley, late Secretary of the late Lodge No. 11, London Grove Township, Chester County, Vacated for Delinquency, respecting the said late Lodge, read on the 6th June last, and Order'd to lie on the Table, was again read and Order'd to be filed.

A Letter from Bro^r. Ezra Doty respecting the late Lodge No. 68, at the Town of Mifflin, Vacated for Delinquency, read the 3d October last, and Ordered to lie on the Table, was again read and Ordered to lie over.

The Appeal of Thomas Thompson, respecting his Expulsion by Lodge No. 81, held at Germantown, read on the 3d October last and Ordered to lie on the Table for want of Proof that Lodge No. 81, had been Notified of the Appeal, was continued to lie over.

A Letter from Bro^r. J. E. Buchannan, respecting the late Lodge No. 85, Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Vacated for Delinquency, read 6 June last, and Order'd to lie on the Table, was continued over.

The following Committees not having Reported were continued, to wit:

Committee appointed on the 3rd October last, respecting the raising of the Grand Lodge Dues.

Committee appointed on the 3rd October last, respecting the Appeal of C—— H——, concerning his Suspension by Lodge No. 139.

Committee appointed on the 19th December last, on Communication from Lodge No. 123.

Committee appointed on the 4th April, 1814, to make enquirey respecting the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo and Cuba.

Committee heretofore Appointed to make Applications to have the New Hall exonerated from the payment of Taxes. All which said Committees were requested to pay immediate attention to the Business referred to them.

The Committee of Correspondence were requested to make Report on the following Communications heretofore referred to them, Viz:

On Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina referr'd to them 3d October last.

On Communication from South Carolina referr'd to them on the 19th December last.

On Motion made and Seconded, The Commitee appointed on the 20th March, 1813, on the subject of a New Edition of the Ahiman Rezon, was discharged.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Brors. Duplessis, Newcomb and Randall be a Committee to take into Consideration and Report the most expedient Plan for preparing and publishing a New Edition of the Ahiman Rezon.

The Committee Appointed on the 6th June last, on an Application from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter respecting Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, were continued, and Bror. Bache was substituted a Member of the same in the room of Bror. Bradford, now R. W. Grand Master.

On Motion made and Seconded, Brors. Darragh, Ireland and Hutchinson were Appointed a Committee to enquire whether a more commodious refreshment room cannot be procured than the One now occupied as such, and that they make Report.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER, junr.,
Dep. Grand Secretary.
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5 June, A. D. 1815, A. L. 5815.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bror. SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, junr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Maulby John Littleboy, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

Bro^r. Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 81, 91, 104, 108, 113, 114, 115, 126, 128, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 139 and 110 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

It having been announced that the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia, Bro^r. Howard, was in waiting and desirous of Visiting this Grand Lodge,

Whereupon, he was Admitted and received with the Masonic Honours due to his Exalted Station and conducted to a Seat.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communications were read.

The Grand Secretary respectfully stated, That from the wording of the Resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 20th March last, directing him to furnish Bro^r. Duplessis, Proxy of Lodge N°. 103, with an Exemplification of the Warrant of said Lodge, with a Copy of Bro^r. Duplessis Letter to the Grand Lodge and of sundry Resolutions adopted respecting said Lodge and that the Costs whereof should be paid by said Proxy, it might be conceived that he received pay for furnishing Copies of the said proceedings, &c. Whereas, in fact he did not, nor could not receive pay for any Thing but for the Warrant, being $4, as fixed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon it was

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said Resolution be amended by striking out the words "the Costs "whereof shall be paid by the said Proxy."

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Resolution of the 3 April last, Appointing a Committee respecting a New Edition of the Ahiman Rezon be altered and Amended so as to read as follows, "Re-"solved, That Bro^r. Duplessis, Newcomb and Randal be a "Committee to prepare and Report a New Edition of the "Ahiman Rezon and Report a plan for publication."

The R. W. Grand Master in compliance with a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 6th March last, presented Bro^r. Richard Tybout, Esquire, R. W. Past Grand Master with a Past Grand Master's Jewell of Gold, of Superior Beauty with Appropriate Hangings. The R. W. Grand Master delivered the following Address to Bro^r. Tybout on presenting the same.

"R. W. and respected Past Grand Master, Richard Tybout.

"By a Resolution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, the Grand "Officers were directed to have made and presented to You, a "Past Grand Master's Jewell of Gold, of Superior Beauty, with "Appropriate Hangings with an expression of the Thanks of "the Grand Lodge for the many useful services rendered by "You to the Fraternity and particularly for Your Conduct in "this Chair. As Language cannot be found more Honourable "than that in which their Noble Record is worded I will not "attempt in conveying their sentiment to you to use other "than the express Terms of the Resolution itself, lest I might "from inability, enfeeble the Testimony of Esteem and Affec-"tion which it was intended to convey."

(Here the R. W. Grand Master read the said Resolution, of 6th March last, and then proceeded as follows).

"My Brother,

"In pursuance of the directions of the Resolution just read "to you and in the Name and on Behalf of the Grand Lodge "of Pennsylvania, I now invest you with the Jewell and "Hangings which designate you a Past Grand Master of this "R. W. Grand Lodge. May you long wear them as a pledge "of their Esteem and Affection, with Honour to yourself and "increased usefulness to the Fraternity; and when Old Age, "(if such should be permitted to you by the Great Arbiter of "Life and Death,) Chills the Current of your Youthful Ardor

"towards worldly Affairs, may the Interests of Masonry still "warm the Affections of Your Heart. May you, like the "Venerable Smith, who we trust is now forever enthroned in "the Mansions of Bliss, be constant to the latest period of "your Life in your Attention to the Interest of the Craft, and "like him, as frequently as possible be found in the dis-"tinguished station which is now Assigned you. Like him "and the indefatigable and Zealous Brother at your right "Hand, even when bending under the weight of Years and "infirmities, may your Wisdom enlighten the Path, Your "knowledge correct the Errors, and Your Zeal animate the "Labours of this Noble Institution. And may that God in "whom we live and move and have our being, so direct Your "Will and incline Your Heart, that when in his own good "Time he shall call you from this Temporal to an Eternal "habitation, you may be found prepared through the Merits "and Intercession of the Blessed Redeemer, to enter with "well "done thou good and Faithful servant" into that House "not "made with Hands, eternal in the Heavens."

To which Address Bro^r. Tybout replied as follows, Viz:

"R. W. Grand Master and the rest of the G. L. Brethren,

"I am sensible of the Honour you have done me by a "Vote in my favour; permit me to say, that I feel the highest "sense of gratitude. Your Approbation of my Conduct dur-"ing the Time I had the Honour to fill the Chair of the "Grand Lodge, and other situations, has been my first Care "and Consideration; having Happily succeeded, I feel myself "amply compensated.

"For the Jewell and Hanging, as a Testimony of Your re-"gard, I pray you to accept of my unfeigned Thanks, and "sincerely hope I shall ever merit your present good Opinion.

"Any services I can render to an Institution that does "Honour to the Land we live in, will always give me the "greatest pleasure to perform. May Health and Happiness "attend every Member of the Grand Lodge. I thank you "Affectionately. May the Grand Master above bless you all."

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons was read praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Halifax, in

Dauphin County, in Pennsylvania, to be Named "Hiram Tyrian Lodge," and that Bro^r. George M. Wagner might be Named W. Master; Bro^r. Robert Park, S. W., and Bro^r. Isaac Smith, J. W. of the same. Which Petition and accompanying Documents being in proper Form and duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge. It was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 141.

A Letter was receiv'd from Pennell Beale and read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The Subscriber begs leave to call your Attention to his "Address to Your Honourable Body of the 21st of March, "1814, which Letter was returned by the Grand Secretary "with a Verbal Answer stating that my request could not be "granted until I had given satisfactory proof of my with-"drawing from the Spurious Lodge held in Filbert Street. I "did immediately withdraw from said Lodge but did not per-"haps inform you in a proper manner, it only being done "verbally. I therefore pray that you may place me in my "former standing in the Institution, for be Assured Brethren, "I never would have joined said Lodge if I had seen it in the "light I now see it in. I must Confess it was done without any "base intention, and I hope the Grand Lodge will consider "my situation.

"I am yours Respectfully,

(Sign'd) "PENNELL BEALE."

"Philad^a., June 5, 1815."

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, The same was referr'd to Bro^rs. Kerr, Randall and Wray, to enquire into and Report thereon.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the W. Master and the Wardens of the Lodges held in the City be a Committee to search for and Introduce Scholars into the Adult School.

A Communication of the Expulsion of J—— P—— by

Lodge, No. 139, also an Appeal from the said J—— P—— respecting the said Expulsion were read and referr'd to a Committee to enquire into and make Report, And Also to enquire into the general Masonic Conduct of said Lodge No. 139, and of its present W. Master and to make Report. The Committee are Bro^rs. Tybout, James Harper, jun^r., Peter A. Browne, Lippincott and Horn.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock P. M., to the Third Monday of the present Month at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 19th June, A. D. 1815, A. L. 5815.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. WALTER KERR, R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. S. G. Warden.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. J. G. Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Lambert Keatting, S. Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, J. Grand Deacon.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 52, 59, 70, 71, 72, 73, 91, 108, 113, 114, 115, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was Opened in Due Form, (the R. W. Deputy Grand Master being in the Chair,) at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

A Communication from the Trustees of the Masonic Loans was received and read and is as follows, to wit:

"At a Stated Meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans

"held at the New Hall of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, "in Philadelphia, on Monday the 17th April, 1815,

"A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge "transmitting a Letter from Victor Guillou to the Grand "Lodge, dated the 18th Ultimo and read in Grand Lodge on "the 20th Ultimo, stating that by reason of the decline of his "School and other Causes, it is not in his Power to comply "with the Terms of his Lease of the lower parts of the New "Hall and requesting that if the Grand Lodge will not accept "of a surrender of the Lease, that they will allow him the "One Quarter's Rent commencing on the First of the present "Month, (being the sum of $450, his Annual Rent being "$1800. Which Letter after having been read in Grand "Lodge was by them referr'd to this Board, with a recommen-"dation on the part of the Grand Lodge that this Board com-"ply with Mr. Guillou's request. Which Communication and "Letter having been read, It was, after Consideration and "Mature deliberation, On Motion made and Seconded, Re-"solved Unanimously, That the Trustees Report to the Grand "Lodge, that by the Terms of the several Loans, there should "have been Vested in the Sinking Fund on the 1st January, "1815, the Amount of $7500, of Principal drawn out of the "Treasury of the Grand Lodge, that there was Vested in the "Sinking Fund on that Day, only the Amount of $3884.25 "drawn out of said Treasury, leaving a deficiency of $3615.75. "The Trustees are therefore of Opinion, that if it was in their "power, it would not be consistent with their Duty to the Trust, "to consent to a relinquishment of any portion of the Rent.

"Extract from the Minutes.

(Sign'd) "GEORGE A. BAKER,
"Secretary."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee of Accounts made Report on the Account of Bro. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary for the last year, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"We the Committee of Accounts of The R. W. the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully Report, That we have "carefully examined the within Account of the Grand Secre-

"tary from the 27th December, 1813, to 27th December, 1814, "(St. John's Day last), and are of Opinion the same is correct, "leaving a balance in favour of the Grand Lodge of Twenty "One Dollars and Twenty Two and One Half Cents. Phila-"delphia, 2nd June, 1815.

(Sign'd) "WILLIAM PAGE, "BENJA. JONES, junr., } Committee."

Which Report was Approved.

The Committee of Accounts made Report on the Account of Bror. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, for the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans for the last Year, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"We, the Committee of Accounts of the R. W. the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully Report, That we have "carefully examined the within Account of the Grand Secre-"tary in Account with the Grand Lodge, of the Interest on the "Masonic Loans and find the same correct, leaving a Balance "of Interest not called for of One Hundred and Forty Four "Dollars, which is laying deposited in Girard Bank as per "Bank Book.

"Philadelphia, 2nd June, 1815.

(Sign'd) "WILLIAM PAGE, "BENJA. JONES, junr., } Committee."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee of Accounts made Report on the Account of Bror. Thomas Astley, Grand Treasurer for the last Year, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"We the Committee of Accounts of the R. W. the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully Report, That we have "carefully examined the within Account of the late Grand "Treasurer from the 31st December, 1813, to the 27th Decem-"ber, 1814, (St. John's Day last), and find the same correct, "leaving a Balance in the Hands of the Grand Treasurer of "Eight Hundred and Twenty One Dollars and Fifty Five "Cents. Philadelphia, 2nd June, 1815.

(Sign'd) "WILLIAM PAGE, "BENJA. JONES, junr., } Committee."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee of Accounts made Report on the Account of Bro^r. Thomas Astley, while he acted as Grand Treasurer, pro Temp., from the 27th December to the 7th March last, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"We the Committee of Accounts of the R. W. the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully Report. That we have "carefully examined the within Account of the late Grand "Treasurer, Pro Temp, from 27th December, 1814, to the 7th "March, 1815, and find the same correct, and is closed by the "Balance of One Hundred and Seventy Three Dollars, Ninety "One Cents, having been paid to the present Grand Treas-"urer, Richard Bache, Esqr.

"Philadelphia, 2nd June, 1815.

(Sign'd) "WILLIAM PAGE, "BENJ^A. JONES, jun^r., } Committee."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That since the last Grand Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

For Dispensations, ...	$145.
For Grand Lodge Certificates, ...	43.68
From Lodge N°. 43, at Lancaster, Dues, . .	53.
Total, ...	$241.68

Which was Ordered to be Entered on the Minutes.

The Grand Treasurer made Report of Monies received and paid by him, and of Monies owing to the Grand Lodge by the Lodges in the City, which was read and Ordered to be Filed.

The Committee appointed on the 3^d April last, to make enquirey respecting a more commodious Refreshing Room made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Ma-"sonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"We the Committee Appointed by Your R. W. Grand "Lodge to Examine if there could be a more commodious Re-"freshment Room provided in the Upper part of the Building "than the One at present Occupied,

"Beg leave to Report, That Your Committee have attended "to that Duty, and are of Opinion there cannot be a more Com- "modious Refreshment Room provided than the One at "present in Use.

"All which is respectfully submitted,

(Sign'd) "JOHN DARRAGH,
"R. HUTCHINSON."

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 5th Inst. on the Petition of Pennel Beale, made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee appointed to examine into the Case of "Pennel Beale and Report thereon, beg leave to Report, that "they have attended to that duty and have received the most "satisfactory Assurances from the Petitioner that his Errors "proceeded from the Misapprehension and ignorance of the "Individual rather than from a Bad Heart, and that these "Assurances were given in such a manner as to induce them "to place reliance in these statements; they therefore offer the "following Resolution:

"Resolved, That Pennel Beale having made satisfactory "Acknowledgments for his former Errors, be re-instated in his "former standing and restored to his rights and privileges as "an Ancient York Mason.

"Philada., 12 June, 1815.

(Sign'd) "WALTER KERR.
"WILLIAM WRAY.
"JOSIAH RANDALL."

Which Report and Resolution were Adopted.

The Committee appointed upon the Petition of C—— H—— respecting his Suspension by Lodge No. 139, Reported, that they were unable to come to any decision and prayed to be discharged. Which was referr'd back to the said Committee with instruction to Report.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of 26th January last, was read and Order'd to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge No. 5, held at Cantwell's Bridge. Election Returns. Returns of Members. Accounts of Grand Lodge Dues up to Decr. last.

Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues to Decr. last.

Lodge No. 59, held at Philadelphia. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to Decr. last.

Lodge No. 83, held at Damascus, Wayne County. Election Returns. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to Decr. last. A Commission duly Executed, appointing Bro. Samuel Lippincott, T., Proxy of said Lodge. Whereupon, Bro. Lippincott was duly recognized as the Proxy of said Lodge No. 83. A Petition from the Officers and Members of said Lodge, dated the 3d June Instant, was read, stating that they are deprived of the Benefit of a Lodge for the want of a Warrant, &c., which was burnt on the Night of the 28th May last, the House taking fire, which consumed all their Records and Papers. Therefore praying that the Grand Lodge will be pleased to prescribe some means whereby they may continue a Lodge. (The Grand Secretary thereupon stated, that on the 10th Instant the R. W. G. M. had been pleased to grant a Dispensation to the present and succeeding Officers and Members of said Lodge No. 83, to continue their Labours until the Grand Lodge shall have acted upon their said Petition and come to a determination in the Premisses.

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish Lodge No. 83 with an Exemplification of their Warrant.

Lodge No. 100, held at Catawessa. Election Returns and Account of Grand Lodge Dues to June, 1814.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That a List of the Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be published in the Annual Communication which is now preparing for publication.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at ¼ past 9 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Saturday, 24 June, A. D. 1815, A. L. 5815.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, R. W. Grand Master.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Thomas De Silver, R. W. S. G. Warden, P. T.
" William Wray, R. W. J. G. Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" James McAlpin, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Charles Mercier, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal, P. T.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Grand Secretary.
" William McKeage, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 45, 51, 52, 59, 70, 72, 91, 108, 113, 121, 125, 126, 128 and 131 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Lodges being called on for their Returns, the following Returns, &c., were received and read, Viz:

Lodge N°. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.
Lodge N°. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.
Lodge N°. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.
Lodge N°. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.
Lodge N°. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.
Lodge N°. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return and Account of G. L. Dues of December last. Election Return to this Day.

Lodge No. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return. Communication of the Suspension of J—— B—— and A—— L—— for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge No. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 139, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Half past Eleven o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th Septemr., A. D. 1815, A. L. 5815.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, R. W. Grand Master.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, junr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, junr., (D. G. Secy.) R. W. G. Secy., P. T.
" Charles Mercier, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" John Paul Schott, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" William H. Findley, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" Cleaton Weaver, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Nathan R. Potts, Depy. Grand Secy., P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 45, 52, 59, 71, 72, 81, 83, 91, 114, 115, 116, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 92, 113 and 133 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Adjourned Grand Quarterly and Grand General Communications were read.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on the Communication from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Ma-
"sonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:
"The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred
"the Communications from the Secretary of the New Grand
"Lodge of the District of Columbia Addressed Grand Sec^y.
"of the Grand Lodge, Phil^a.,"
"Beg leave to Report,
"That they have examined the said papers and find them
"to contain proceedings from December 11th, A. L. 5810, to
"and including January 11th, A. L. 5814, &c.
"Your Committee having considered that the R. W. Grand
"Lodge of Pennsylvania have not received any previous
"Communication from the said Grand Lodge informing of
"their establishment and Organization and requesting this
"Grand Lodge to recognize them and Admit them to a Fra-
"ternal Communication and Correspondence, as it has been
"the invariable Custom and practice in such Cases, Are of
"Opinion that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania can
"not take notice of any Communications from the said Grand
"Lodge until they shall have received from them the legal
"and necessary information.

"Respectfully submitted by,
(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Jos. Barnes.
"Walter Kerr."

"Philadelphia, Septr. 4th, 5815."

Which Report was Approved and the Grand Secretary was directed to transmit a Copy thereof to the said Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on the Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred

"the Communication from the M. W. G. Lodge of North Car-
"olina,

"Beg leave to Report,

"That they have examined the same and find that it con-
"tains the usual business transacted by Grand Lodges, a par-
"ticular of which is deemed unnecessary, the List of their
"Grand Officers, also of their Lodges and of the Officers and
"Members of some of them, &c. Your Committee also find
"that the M. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of North Car-
"olina in consequence of a Resolution of the said Grand Lodge,
"passed on December 5th, 5812, had caused to be made and
"Signed, *a Great Charter constituting a Grand Lodge of the State*
"*of Tennessee, to effect which purpose he had issued a Summons*
"*calling together in the Town of Knoxville, on the 27th Day of*
"*December, 5813, a Convention of Masons by Delegates to be*
"*chosen from the regular Constituted Lodges of the Craft in the*
"*State of Tennessee, That he had also appointed Deputies to in-*
"*stall into Office the Grand Officers to be selected and to deliver*
"*unto them that Great Charter and the Books of the Constitutions*
"*of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina agreeably to the Ancient*
"*Land Marks of Our Order.* By Virtue of which, the Juris-
"diction heretofore exercised by the G. Lodge of North Caro-
"lina over the Lodges No. 40, 43, 50, 51, 52, 60 and 61 in the
"State of Tennessee is forever renounced and transferred to
"the Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee, and in conse-
"quence of the Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee being
"erected, the Style of the Grand Lodge should thereafter be
"that of North Carolina and not to include Tennessee.

"Respectfully submitted by

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Jos. Barnes.
"Walter Kerr."

"Philadelphia, Septr. 4th, 1815.

Which Report was Accepted.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on the Communication from the R. W. Grand Master of Ohio. which was read and is as follows, Viz:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Ma-
"sonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:
"The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred
"the Communication from the R. W. Grand Master of the
"Grand Lodge of Ohio, dated February 7th, 5815, inclosing
"a Report and Resolutions of the said Grand Lodge con-
"cerning a certain Lodge 'American Union Lodge, No. 1,'
"formerly established at Marietta some Time in the Year
"1792, &c.
"Beg leave to Report,
"That they have carefully examined the said Papers and
"find that at the Time the Number of Lodges in that State
"authorized the forming of a Grand Lodge, the said American
"Union Lodge was amongst those who proposed the Meeting
"of the Convention, and was duly represented therein and as-
"sisted in forming the Grand Lodge, &c.; That soon there-
"after the several Lodges in the State were required to sur-
"render their former Charters, when the said Lodge refused
"by various pretences to comply with the requisition of the
"Grand Lodge, and has since ceased and refused to be repre-
"sented at the Grand Communications, &c.; That in July,
"5814, while acting on the invitation of the said Grand Lodge
"through the M. W. Grand Master, begging the said Lodge to
"come in and unite with the Family of her Sister Lodges, she
"rejected the Invitation and declared her Independence; That
"in consequence thereof the said Grand Lodge have adopted
"several Resolutions declaring 'that the said Lodge has for-
"feited her privileges to Labour, and has become an unauthor-
"ized and an unwarranted Lodge,' forbidding the Members of
"any Lodge of the State of Ohio entering that Lodge, assist-
"ing at their Labours, &c.; Declaring also, 'That no person
"thereafter Initiated in that Lodge whilst acting under the
"said former Charter, shall ever be considered or Acknowl-
"edged as a Mason in any Lodge under the Jurisdiction of
"the Grand Lodge of Ohio, requesting that the Most W. Grand
"Master forward immediately to the Grand Lodges of Penn-
"sylvania and Massachusetts, Copies of the said Report and
"Resolutions under the Seal of the Grand Lodge, and request

"their Aid in reclaiming that wandering Lodge.' The last "Resolution is 'That whenever American Union Lodge shall "surrender her Charter and Acknowledge the Jurisdiction of "the Grand Lodge, that it shall be lawful for their M. W. G. "Master to grant to the said Lodge his Dispensation, Author-"izing the continuance of her Labours until the next Grand "Annual Communication.'

"Your Committee are of Opinion that the former American "Union Lodge, No. 1, by their joining the other Lodges of the "State of Ohio, in forming the Grand Lodge of Ohio and be-"coming a component part thereof, and attending at the Grand "Communications, &c., have virtually surrendered and re-"nounced their former Charter which thereby also has become "extinct, null and absolutely void, and consequently cannot in "any wise be revived by the said Lodge; That the R. W. "Grand Lodge of Ohio have acted agreeably to all the Rules "and Duties of the Craft; That the Lodge aforesaid should "make the proper submission to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, "and accept their generous Offers to receive them, especially "since conformably to the general principle, that Lodge can "never be acknowledged regular, but must remain for ever in "that situation.

"Respectfully submitted by

(Sign'd) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis.
"Jos. Barnes.
"Walter Kerr."

"Philad^a., Septr. 4, 5815."

Which Report was Adopted and the Grand Secretary was directed to transmit a Copy thereof to the R. W. Grand Master of Ohio.

The Committee appointed on the 5th June last, to make Enquirey respecting the Expulsion of J—— P—— by Lodge No. 139, And Also respecting the general Masonic Conduct of said Lodge and of its then W. Master, made Report which was not Accepted, And

On Motion made and Seconded, The said Committee were discharged and a New Committee appointed consisting of Bro^rs. Newcomb, Barnes, James Harper, jun^r., Horn, Page, Keatting and Schott, to Examine and Report.

The Report of the Committee Appointed on the Complaint of Robert Findley against James M. Riddle, both late of Lodge No. 84, was read, and

On Motion made and Seconded,

The said Report and Documents accompanying the same were referr'd to Bros. Newcomb, Barnes and Randall, to examine the said Documents and Evidence, and make a Digest thereof and Report the same.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, of 26th June last, was read and Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

An Oration delivered on St. John's Day in June last, at Wilmington, before the Grand Lodge of Delaware, was received and Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of this G. Lodge. It was delivered by Bro. James Booth, jun., Esq., Grand Secretary.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, of January last, was read and Ordered to be deposited amongst the Archives of this G. Lodge.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge No. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Communication of the Rejection of B——McG——.

Lodge No. 21, held at Harrisburgh. Election Returns of December and June last. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. Communication respecting the removal of the Lodge to the House of Daniel Stine, Esquire. A Commission duly Executed, appointing Bro. Josiah Randall, Proxy of said Lodge. Whereupon, Bro. Randall was duly recognized as the Proxy of said Lodge No. 21.

Lodge No. 22, held at Sunbury. Election Return of June last. Return of Members.

Lodge No. 25, held at Bristol, Bucks County. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge, which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 46, held at Ephrata. A Letter, dated 21st June, informing of the transmission of $20 on Account, which was paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Lodge No. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Communication of the Re-instatement of the following Brethren who had been Expell'd for Non payment of Dues, Viz: C—— R——, E—— F——, C—— McL——, P—— R——, E—— K——, P—— D——.

Lodge No. 62, held at Reading. A Commission, duly Executed, appointing Bro^r. Joseph Burden their Proxy. Whereupon, Bro^r. Burden was duly recognized as the Proxy of said Lodge No. 62.

Lodge No. 70, held at Tioga Point, Luzerne Co. Election Return. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues to Decr. last.

Lodge No. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 75, held at Pugh Town, Chester County. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 102, held at Frankford. Election Return.

Lodge No. 108, held at Wysox and Orwell. Election Return of December last. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 119, held at the Town of Clifford, Luzerne Co. Election Return.

Lodge No. 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 133, held at Beaver. Election Return of December last. Return of Members.

Lodge No. 134, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 135, held at Roxborough. Election Return.

Lodge No. 136, held at Abington. Election Return of December, 1813. Return of Members, same Time.

Lodge No. 141, held at Halifax, Dauphin County. Return to Dispensation for Constituting said Lodge, whereby it appears that the same was duly Constituted on the 19th Ultimo.

The following Resolution was Offered by Bro^r. Randall and laid on the Table, to wit:

Resolved, That after the Elections of Officers of the Subordinate Lodges belonging to this Grand Lodge be held Annually in Conformity with the Warrants constituting them as Lodges.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER, jun^r.,
Dep^y. Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 20th November, A. D. 1815, A. L. 5815.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, R. W. Grand Master.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" John W. Peter, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Thomas Armstrong, Esqr., Dep^y. Grand Sec^y., P. T.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" James McKeage, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" Cleaton Weaver, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Rev^d. George Patterson, Grand Chaplain, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senr. Grand Warden.
" Thomas Armstrong, R. W. Past Junr. Grand Warden.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 51, 52, 62, 70, 67, 72, 92, 108, 113, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134 and 139 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master rose and made the following Report:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic
"Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Grand Master Reports,

"That in obedience to the Duties of the High Trust "confided in him, he conceived it his bounden Duty to Visit "all the Lodges in and near the City. He accordingly re-"quested the Grand Officers to attend him for that purpose. "The request was met with the utmost cheerfulness and "promptitude, and notwithstanding the Duty of Visiting "Thirty Lodges in almost Nightly succession, some of them a "considerable distance from Town, became very onerous and "was attended with many privations and sacrifices, their "Fidelity, Attention and Zeal for the Interests of the Craft "insured a punctuality of attendance unexampled in any "former Grand Visitations, and for which they are entitled to "the highest commendation. To the Grand Secretary, on "whom the Labours of the Grand Visitation fell particularly "heavy, the Grand Master is Warranted in saying, that much "of the utility of the Grand Visitations is owing to the Zeal "and Ability with which he has discharged his highly im-"portant Office. The Book of Minutes of each Lodge was "submitted to his inspection and due Report made to the "Grand Master, this Report was read in each Lodge by the "Grand Secretary and commented on by the Grand Master, "and then handed to the Master to be inserted on the "Minutes. Owing to the length of Time which had elapsed "since a Grand Visitation has taken place, and the Ill Health "of the Grand Secretary, the examination of the Book of "Minutes could not be as thoroughly made as the Grand "Master would have wished. But he trusts sufficient of Ex-"amination and corrective remark have been made to guard "the Lodges against falling into any very gross Errors.

"To the assiduous and faithful discharge of the Office of "Grand Pursuivant, much of the Comfort and pleasure which

"the Grand Master and his Officers have experienced in the "Grand Visitations is to be attributed. The Grand Master "declares it as his own, and is Authorized in saying it is like-"wise the Opinion of the Grand Officers that such is the fact, "and that collectively and individually they feel themselves "under great obligations to that Brother for his indefatigable "industry and the correct and dignified manner in which he "discharged the Duties of his Station.

"In the Circular Charge which the Grand Master thought "it his Duty to Address to the several Lodges which he "Visited, he conceived it proper to awaken their Attention to "the real Nature and objects of the Institution, and to con-"vey to them in a spirit of Candour and Justice, such Advice "and Caution as to him seemed best Adapted to promote the "lasting Welfare and respectability of the Craft. In almost "every instance the Book of Minutes appeared to have been "kept with regularity and in some with great Beauty. In "One Case only this important Book was not brought up to "the Time of Meeting. But the rough Book was correct and "the Master of the Lodge promised to have the Omission at-"tended to and some other irregularities which were noticed "in that Lodge corrected in future. The Grand Master notes "with great pleasure that an increasing Zeal and Activity in "the work of the Craft is beginning to prevail in most of the "Lodges which he has Visited. The Lodges of the City are "generally increasing in Numbers, and he hopes that when "the Changes in the Chairs are less frequent the Beauty of "their Labours will be much improved. From the work that "has been exhibited in his presence, he has no hesitation in "pronouncing that there are some Masters and Past Masters "now in the Institution surpassing in the Correctness, Dignity "and Beauty of Work, any that to his knowledge have pre-"ceeded them. In all the Lodges the Grand Officers have "been received with the Affection and Respect which was due "the Representatives of their August Alma Mater. The "Charges, recommendations and Corrections were received as "the Mandates of this respectable Grand Lodge, and the most "implicit Obedience was solemnly promised on the part of

"every subordinate Lodge, thus evidencing at once the "Beauty, Order and Harmony of Our Noble Institution.

"Upon the whole the Grand Master doubts not that the "Visitations will be accompanied with the most salutary "effects, that Zeal and Industry will improve the Labours of "the Lodges and increase their Numbers, that Caution in the "Admission of Members will add to their respectability, And "that a high reverence for this Body, the only legitimate "source of Masonic Light and Authority in our State, will as "a Master Spring regulate all their proceedings and present a "wonderful Machine, perfect in all its parts, moving with "stately magnificence, the Glory of Masons and the Admira-"tion of their Fellow Citizens.

"The appearance of Respectability, correct deportment and "Affectionate Attention which were exhibited in the Country "Lodges that have been visited, were highly gratifying to the "Grand Master. They all merited the highest commendation "but one, and the Errors noticed in that will no doubt be "soon amended. In the Germantown Lodge the Grand "Master noticed with peculiar pleasure a Lecturing Lodge is "established. And will not the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "pay Attention to this important subject? Surely they will. "Soon we shall behold a Lecturing Lodge in this City which "will Act in the Masonic Hemisphere as the Glorious Orb of "Day in the Physical World, at once enlightening, animating "and fructifying everything within the sphere of its influence.

"The Grand Master has great pleasure in announcing that "the Bristol Lodge with Characteristic Zeal for the Order, "have at a Considerable Expence, lately fitted up an elegant "Building, containing a Lodge and refreshment Room, with "a Basement Story. He may truly say its foundation is "Charity, for he has learnt, and to the Honour of that Lodge "be it spoken, the basement Story has become the residence "of Two Widows who are permitted to dwell in it free of Ex-"pence. At the respectful invitation of this Lodge, the Grand "Master accompanied by his Grand Officers and the Reverend "Brothers Allison, Patterson and Ogilvie, and a considerable "Number of Worthy Past Masters from this City proceeded to

"that Town on Saturday last, to assist in a solemn Dedication "and Consecration of the Building. The procession and Cere-"monies which took place on the Occasion were Honoured "with the presence of the Grand Officers of New Jersey and "many respectable Brethren from Neighbouring Lodges. "The Procession first proceeded to the Church, where after "prayers, Thanksgiving and Praise to the Supreme Architect, "a highly impressive and eloquent discourse was delivered by "our lately Initiated Brother, the Reverend Bro^r. Ogilvie. "After this the Procession moved to the New Hall where the "usual Ceremonies were performed in solemn form. The "Day was closed in social but temperate enjoyment and "Brotherly Affection.

"It is with much sorrow the Grand Master has to notice "that since our last Grand Communication, Death has sum-"moned to the World of Spirits our much regretted and "beloved Past Deputy Grand Master, Peter Le Barbier "Duplessis. In this Providential Visitation our Institution "has experienced no common loss. His Zeal for the Order "was unbounded, his Industry in its cause unceasing, and his "Wisdom and Experience in Masonry seldom if ever excelled. "May his memory be dear to every true Mason. May his "Masonic attainments remain an Exemplar of Honourable "Ambition, and may the suddenness of his departure teach "us that we are all hastening to that Bourne from which no "Traveller returns. The Grand Master need hardly say that "every Masonic Honour which was in the power of the Grand "Lodge was paid to the Memory of the Deceased, nor that the "solemnity of the Funeral Ceremonies and good Conduct of "the Brethren were such as reflected great Credit on the In-"stitution.

"It was the Grand Master's intention to have embraced "several other important matters in this Communication, but "his necessary Avocations prevented his Attention to the sub-"ject until a very short period before it was necessary to be "present here. Among them are the Adult School, a plan "for establishing an Institution for the protection and Educa-"tion of the Female Orphans of Deceased Brethren, and a

"plan for a New refreshment Room, &c., &c. They will how-
"ever meet due attention. One subject however he cannot
"pass over at the present time. He has within the past year
"had a full Opportunity of Witnessing the great Labour and
"Fatigue which is imposed by the Duties of the Office on the
"Grand Secretary. His Ability and Industry are unques-
"tioned. It then becomes matter of serious enquirey, is he
"sufficiently remunerated? In the Opinion of the Grand
"Master he is not. It is therefore respectfully submitted to
"the Grand Lodge whether a Committee ought not to be Ap-
"pointed to enquire into the premises and take such Order as
"to them may appear just.

"When by Your suffrages I was Honoured with the super-
"intendance of this distinguished Society, conscious of in-
"capacity to perform the Duties that must devolve upon me
"in an adequate manner, I solicited your indulgence for
"Errors that might result from want of knowledge; but as-
"sured you I should not fail in exertions, sensible of being
"animated with the Warmest Zeal to supply every deficiency
"to the utmost of my power. I am well convinced that in
"many respects I have fallen much short of the object I aimed
"at, but never from a Moment's indifference or a lessening of
"that Ardour with which I was actuated in coming into
"Office. My Heart's best Affections have been unremittingly
"devoted to the prosperity of the Order, connected as I well
"know it is with everything Dear to Man.

"My private Avocations will not suffer me to continue in
"this Chair longer than the period for which I have been
"elected, as the Duties of it require more Time and Attention
"than are compatible with Interests that must not be
"neglected. Hence it becomes necessary you should turn
"your thoughts to the selection of One whose Virtues and
"knowledge may render him more worthy of so Eminent a
"station. Permit me, highly esteemed Brethren, to renew my
"Heartfelt Thanks for the distinguished Honours you have
"so repeatedly conferred upon me, for the kind and liberal
"support I have uniformly received from you, and to entreat
"you may firmly believe that your dearest Interests shall ever
"have possession of my heart."

A Letter from a Committee of the Managers of the Bible Society of Philadelphia was received and read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

"The Managers of the Bible Society of Philadelphia, "with a view to the increase of their Funds for the distribu- "tion of the Sacred Scriptures without Note or Comment "among the poorer Classes, have directed us to make applica- "tion to your respectable body for permission to place a Box "in or near the place of your Assemblage, for the reception of "the Charitable Donations of the Brethren of your Venerable "Fraternity.

"Believing that the interesting object of the Bible Society "is in entire Harmony with the Beneficent views of your In- "stitution, we make this request under a Confidence of its "being readily complied with, and trust, we shall neither ex- "ceed our powers, nor offend your feelings if we subjoin a "respectful hope for the associated and individual Aid of your "Members in the promotion of the great work of Charity, in "which it has pleased God to unite the Hearts and the Hands "of so many Christians of all denominations throughout the "World. We remain with great Consideration, Your Obedi- "ent Servants and Christian Brethren.

(Sign'd) "W^m. STAUGHTON, "JAMES MILNOR, "JA^s. MOORE, } "Committee of "Managers of "Bible Society."

"Philadelphia, Octr. 17, 1815."

Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the said request be granted.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons was read praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Village of Sadsbury in Chester County, Pennsylvania, to be named "Village Lodge," and that Bro^r. Benjamin Gest, might be named W. Master; Bro^r. Warrick Miller, S. W., and Bro^r. George W. Baldwin, J. W. of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 142.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the Thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Master for the interesting Charge delivered by him on the Course of his Grand Visitation of the Subordinate Lodges, and that he be requested to furnish a Copy thereof for publication.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the Thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Our Respectable Brother the Reverend James G. Ogilvie, for the Appropriate discourse delivered by him previous to the Consecration of the Building erected in the Town of Bristol by Lodge N°. 25, and that he be requested to furnish a Copy of the same in Order that it may be published, together with a short Account of the proceedings attending the Consecration.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the different Lodges held in the City of Philadelphia and its vicinity be directed to furnish with the return of their next Election of Officers, an accurate List of all their Past Masters entitled to Seats in the Grand Lodge, and in all subsequent Returns to notice such Alterations as have occurred since the last Return.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th December, A. D. 1815, A. L. 5815.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, R. W. Grand Master.

Bro^r. Walter Kerr, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev^d. Bro^r. Talbut, Chaplain, P. T. (Visitor.)
Bro^r. Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 81, 83, 91, 92, 100, 108, 113, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134, 135 and 139 represented.

Thirty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

It having been stated that some Brethren from Delaware State and from Maryland are desirous of being admitted as Visitors. It was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Regulation prohibiting the Admission of Visitors on the Night of Election be suspended for this Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Grand Extra Communications were read.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening Appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Grand Officers for the ensuing Year. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the Election, when

Bro^r. Walter Kerr, was duly Elected R. W. Grand Master.

" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., was duly Elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Joseph Barnes, was duly Elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Richard Bache, was duly Elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary, and

" Joseph L. Lewis, was duly Elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Jewells of the Grand Lodge be put in Mourning for the space of Three Months as a Testimony of Respect for the Memory of our deceased Brother, Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Female Orphan Society have permission to hold their Annual Meeting on the 12th of January next, in the Refreshing Room.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet on the Third Monday in the present Month at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 18th December, A. D. 1815, A. L. 5815.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.

" Walter Kerr, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Richard Bache, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Bro^r. George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" James McKeage, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" John Paul Schott, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Isaac Leves, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 83, 91, 108, 109, 113, 114, 115, 121, 126, 127, 128, 131, 134 and 139 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

Two Communications from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, One of the 26th November, 1814, and the other of the 10th Ultimo, were read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication from Lodge N°. 3, informing of the Expulsion of J—— J. P——, was read.

A Petition from Lodge N°. 5, held at Cantwell's Bridge was read, stating that it would be more convenient for them to be under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of their own State, than to continue under Our Jurisdiction, and therefore praying that by paying up their Grand Lodge Dues to S^t. John's Day next, they may be permitted to withdraw from this Grand Lodge and attach themselves to the Grand Lodge of Delaware, And that they may have the liberty of retaining the Funds, Jewells, &c., of their said Lodge. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayers of the said Petition be granted.

The following Returns and Communications from Lodges were read:

Lodge N°. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last.

Lodge N°. 21, held at Harrisburgh. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 45, held at Pittsburgh. A Letter from said Lodge

stating that they did not know that John Limcock had been Communicated to the Grand Lodge as Rejected by them until they saw it published in our last Annual Communication. That having found his rejection irregular as well in the Mode as otherwise, they had, before receiving the Annual Communication, Admitted him a Member. And they therefore requested the Grand Lodge to sanction their proceedings. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the said proceedings of Lodge N°. 45 be sanctioned.

Lodge N°. 50, held at West Chester. Election Return of December last. Return of Members and Account of G. L. Dues to same Time.

Lodge N°. 66, held in Cærnarvon Township, Berks County. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to June last.

Lodge N°. 69, held in the Borough of Chester. Election Return of June, 1813. Election Return of December, 1813. Election Return of December, 1814. Election Return of June, 1815.

Lodge N°. 100, held at Cattawissa, Columbia C°. Account of G. L. Dues to June, 1814. Election Return of June last. Communication of the Expulsion of C—— B——, for Misconduct to a Brother, and of J—— H—— for Non payment of Dues.

A Petition from the said C—— B——, as an Appeal from the said Expulsion of him by the said Lodge, which was referr'd to Bro^rs. Enoch Smith and Michael Kutzner of Lodge N°. 22, held at Sunbury; Bro^rs. William Hepburn and John Cummings, of Lodge N°. 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming County, and Bro^r. Samuel Bowman, of Lodge N°. 61, held at Wilkesbarre, to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 102, held at Frankford. A Communication informing that the said Lodge has been removed from the Sign of the Cross Keys to the General Pike Tavern in Frankford.

Lodge N°. 109, held in the Town of S^t. Genevieve in the Missouri Territory. Election Return of December, 1809. Election Return of December, 1810. Election Return of

December, 1811. Election Return of December, 1812. Election Return of December, 1813. Election Return of December, 1814. Return of Members up to June last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues from December, 1809, to June last, Amounting to $215.29. Also, a List of Grand Lodge Dues, included in said Account, Amounting to $32.-27, which are lost to the Lodge, being due from poor Brethren who have been Exonerated from payment of Dues and from others who removed, and which the said Lodge pray the Grand Lodge to exonerate them from the payment thereof. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer receive the Amount of the said Account, Except the said sum of $32.27. And that said List of $32.27 be referr'd to Bro^rs. Newcomb, Randall and Levis, to Examine and Report thereon. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge, which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 115, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Expulsion of N. S. A—— and W—— P—— for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge N°. 122, held at New Orleans. A Commission duly Executed appointing Bro^r. George A. Baker, Proxy of the said Lodge. Whereupon, Bro^r. Baker was duly recognized as the Proxy of said Lodge N°. 122.

Lodge N°. 128, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Expulsion of the following Members for Non payment of Dues, Viz: J—— C——, J—— H——, J—— P——, L—— R——, J—— B——, J—— R——, J—— P——, S—— W—— and H—— B——.

Lodge N°. 132, held at West Nantmill Township, Chester County. Election Return of June last.

Lodge N°. 136, held at Abington. A Copy of their Bye Laws, which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 139, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Expulsion of J—— A. L——, late W. Master of said Lodge, for having attempted to obtain a Dispensation for having

a Man Enter'd, Pass'd and Raised in said Lodge, who was previously rejected therein by 3 or 4 Black Balls. For Omitting to have said Rejection Entered on the Minutes of said Lodge as it was his Duty as W. M. to direct to be done, And for having had in his possession, and shewing them, improper papers or writings respecting Masonry, which ought not to be written.

The Committe heretofore appointed on a Complaint made by Lodge No. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County, transmitted an Extract of proceedings of said Lodge of 16th August last, which was read and whereby it appears that the said Daniel Miller had atoned for his past Errors and approved himself a worthy Brother, and that he had been duly admitted a Member of said Lodge on the 5th July last; Which proceedings were Approved by the Grand Lodge.

A Petition from George Helmbold was read, praying that the Grand Lodge will be pleased to sanction his re-instatement in Lodge No. 127, which was referr'd to Brors. Barnes, James Harper, junr., and Samuel Lippincott, T., to Examine and Report thereupon.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master, (Bror. Bradford,) and Brors. Newcomb, Barnes, Randall and Js. Harper, junr., be a Committee to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Lecturing Lodge, and that they be directed to report a Plan thereof for the Consideration of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Brors. Frederick Erringer, Blame and Lippincott, be a Committee to enquire into the most expedient mode of increasing the Emoluments of the Office of Grand Secretary, and Report thereon to the Grand Lodge.

A Letter from Victor Guillou was read, stating that his Lease of part of the lower part of the Hall will expire on the 1st of May next. That he desires to know whether the Grand Lodge will let the same to him again, in which Case he will take it on a New one for One or Two Years at $1200 ℘ Annum. He also states that upon his entering on his present Lease he was necessitated to have some improvements made, consisting

of Brackets for Lights, Platforms, Cloak Pins, &c., which he offers to sell to the Grand Lodge, much under Cost, to be deducted out of the last Quarter's Rent. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the same be referr'd to the Grand Officers with full power to Act in the premisses and to make Report.

The Grand Treasurer made Report of the balances now due from sundry Lodges held in the City of their Dues, &c., up to St. John's Day in December, 1814, which was read. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary Notify the said Lodges thereof, and require their Attention thereto.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at One Quarter past Nine o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Wednesday, 27th December, A. D. 1815, A. L. 5815.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, R. W. Grand Master.
" Walter Kerr, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Horatio G. Pennock, Junior Grand Deacon, P. Temp.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Henry Riesch, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71, 83, 91, 92, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 122, 125, 128, 131, 133 and 134 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being Represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock in the Morning.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers, was read, And thereupon, the following Grand Officers Elect, were severally Installed into their respective Offices in Ancient and Solemn Form, to wit:

Bro^r. Walter Kerr, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Mas^r.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following Appointments, to wit:

Bro^r. Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev^d. Bro^r. James Milnor, } Grand Chaplains.
" " William Rogers, }
" " George Potts, }
Bro^r. Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.
" William Wray, }
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz:

Bro^r. Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., } Committee of Correspondence.
" Joseph Barnes, }
" James Harper, jun^r., }
" William Page, } Committee of Accounts.
" Mark Richards, }
" Benjamin Jones, jun^r., }
" Richard Bache, } Committee to Examine the Bye Laws of the Subordinate Lodges.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., }
" Nathan R. Potts, }

Bro^r. Joseph Barnes,
" Thomas Kittera,
" Samuel Badger,
} Committee to Examine the transactions of the last Year and select for publication.

" Samuel Lippincott, T.,
" Frederick Erringer,
" Thomas Amies,
" James Harper, jun^r.,
" Alphonso C. Ireland,
} Hall Committee.

" Doct^r. Isaac Cleaver, for the Northern Liberties.
" George A. Baker, for the City.
" Daniel Bussier, for Southwark.
} Recommenders of Objects to the Philadelphia Dispensary.

Bro^r. Grand Secretary stated that he had re-appointed Bro^r. George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary for the ensuing year and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the Appointment. Whereupon, the same was Unanimously Approved.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Address the Grand Lodge as follows, to wit:

"Having been called to preside over this respectable body "of Free and Accepted Masons, and this Day received as "Grand Master agreeably to our Ancient Forms and Cere-"monies, Custom requires that I should address You. Yet "perhaps it would betray more Vanity, than sound discretion "for me to detain you long at this Time, As you have all so "lately heard from our R. W. Brother, the late Grand Master, "an Address replete with Masonic information and giving "every necessary direction relative to the regulation and Gov-"ernment of the Craft under our Jurisdiction. Notwithstand-"ing, I should be wanting in respect for you, did I entirely "conceal those sentiments of Gratitude which the confidence "you have manifested in me on this Occasion is calculated to "excite.

"To be Unanimously Approved as worthy of the direction "of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by that Ancient and "highly respectable Body, will always be esteemed by me, as "one of the happiest Events of my Life.

"Though I do not possess those high Endowments, and "those bright Talents which ought to fill this Eastern Chair, "Yet, in dependance upon that unanimity, which so happily "prevails among the Craft, Upon the Assurance of the As-"sistance and advice of Our R. W. Brothers, the Past Grand "Masters, Upon the Zealous Co-operation of the present "Grand Officers, and of all the Members of the Grand Lodge, "and upon that Zeal and Industry, which it is my Duty and "my intention to devote to the interests of the Institution, we "shall be enabled to carry into effect that Order and Disci-"pline so necessary to secure permanent usefulness and re-"spectability.

"It will be my First wish to be able to open and close our "Communications and carry on our great work in Harmony "and peace, ever keeping close to the valuable principles and "Land Marks of Our Order, And never losing sight of the "Happiness and prosperity of the Craft.

"There is One subject, which I conceive it to be my Duty "to remind you of at this Time. The Half Year's Interest "on the Masonic Loans, Amounting to $1950, will become "due on the 1st of January next, and must on that Day be "paid. You will at once observe the necessity of attending "to this Subject, and it is earnestly recommended that You "use every exertion with the Lodges you respectively repre-"sent, pointing out to them the Necessity of coming forward "immediately, and paying the whole or a part of their Grand "Lodge Dues. So shall we be enabled to meet with punctu-"ality our engagements and preserve that Confidence which "we now hold with the public, and maintain the reputation "of Our Noble Institution, which must be dear to every faith-"ful Mason.

"May we never forget, but gratefully Acknowledge at all "Times, and on all Occasions, that we are indebted to our "Heavenly Grand Master, (whose Wisdom, is the great founda-"tion of Empire and of Government,) for all and every bless-"ing which we enjoy in this Life, and may we so endeavour "to please him, while on Earth, That we may be permitted "through the Merits of Our Redeemer to serve him in "Heaven."

The Lodges being called on for their Returns, the following Returns, &c., were presented and read, to wit:

Lodge N°. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members, Containing the Expulsions of J—— C. B——, W—— B——, J—— E——, J—— H——, J—— D. M——, J—— W—— and I—— P——, jun^r., for Non payment of Dues. Return of Past Masters. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Past Masters. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Past Masters. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Past Masters.

Lodge N°. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Past Masters.

Lodge N°. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return. Return of Past Masters.

Lodge N°. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Past Masters. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County. A Letter from said Lodge, dated the 7th Inst^t., Apologizing for not having made their Returns and sent on their Dues, but promising to do so by the Month of February next.

Lodge N°. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 115, held at Philadelphia. Return of Past Masters.

Lodge N°. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Past Masters. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Past Masters. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Past Masters.

Lodge No. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Past Masters. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 135, held at Roxborough. Election Return. Return of Past Masters. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 136, held at Abington. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 139, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

The late Grand Treasurer presented his Account which was referr'd to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and Report.

Resolved, That the Grand Officers and 17 Members of the Grand Lodge, (to be appointed by the R. W. Grand Master in the recess of the Grand Lodge,) be a Committee to Conduct the Adult School.

Resolved, That there be an Extra Meeting of the Grand Lodge on the Third Monday in January next, for the purpose of proceeding in the unfinished business of the Grand Lodge, and all Committees are requested to Report at that Time.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That this Grand Lodge sensible of the Faithful services rendered to the Fraternity by Brot. Samuel F. Bradford, late R. W. G. M., in the various situations he has held in this Grand Lodge, and particularly for the Zeal, Ability and Impartiality with which he discharged the important Duties of the Chair, and under whose Auspices Masonry continued to enjoy the splendor it had hitherto attained, do direct that a Past Grand Master's Jewell of Gold, of Superior Beauty, with Appropriate Hangings, be made and presented to him in Open Grand Lodge by the R. W. G. M., with an Appropriate Address, conveying to him the high sense which this G. L. entertains for the Zeal, Ability and Impartiality with which he has discharged the Duties of the various stations he has held among the Craft, and especially of the High Station from which he has retired, requesting him to continue his Labours among us, tendering to him our best

wishes for his Health and Happiness until it shall please the Supreme Architect of the Universe to call him to the Mansions of Eternal Bliss. Resolved, That the G. Officers be a Committee to procure said Jewell and Hanging.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at ½ past 12 o'clock at Noon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 15th January, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph R. Hopkins, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" John L. Baker, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Israel Israel, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 70, 71, 72, 83, 108, 113, 115, 121, 122, 126, 127, 130, 131, 134 and 139 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons was read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Chambersburg, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, to be named the "George Washington Lodge," and that Bro^r. James

Wilson, might be Named the First W. Master; Bro^r. Owen Carr, the First Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Andrew Colhoun, the First Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 143.

A Report and Account were received from the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, and read and Ordered to be Entered on the Minutes, and are as follows, to wit:

"At a Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic "Loans, held at the New Hall of the Grand Lodge in Chest-"nut Street, Philadelphia, on Monday, the 1st January, 1816, "at 6 o'clock in the Evening,

"A Certificate (or Return) of an Election held this Morning "for Electing from among the Stockholders of each Loan, Six "Persons to serve in Conjunction with the Grand Master, "Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, "Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the Time being, "as Trustees of the Masonic Loans for One Year from this "Day, and until a New Board shall be Elected on the First "Monday in January, 1817, was read, Whereby it appears "that Charles Biddle, Edward Burd, Stephen Girard, Thomas "McEuen, James Milnor and Elijah Griffiths, were duly "Elected, they being each of them Stockholders of the First "and Second Masonic Loans."

"The Board then proceeded to the Election of Officers for "the ensuing Year, when

"Charles Biddle, Esqr., was Elected President,

"George A. Baker, Secretary, and

"Thomas McEuen, Esqr., Treasurer."

"On Motion made and Seconded,

"Resolved, That a Copy of the Account of the Board of "Trustees, which was laid before the Stockholders this Morn-"ing at their Annual Meeting, exhibiting the Receipt of "Monies by the Trustees during the last Year, and their In-

"vestments of the same in Stock on Account of the Sinking "Fund, be transmitted to the Grand Lodge for their informa- "tion."

"Extract from the Minutes.

(Sign'd) "GEORGE A. BAKER,
"Grand Secretary."

Dr. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in Account

1815.

Feby. 28. To Cash paid for $692.9 of 6 ℘ Cent. Stock of the United States, for the Sinking Fund, @ 91½ ℘ Cent. $633.26

June 16. To Cash paid for $533.69 of 6 ℘ Cent. Stock, for the Sinking Fund, at 99½ ℘ Cent. $531.2

July 14. To Cash paid for $155.29 of 6 ℘ Cent. Stock, for the Sinking Fund, at 97¼ ℘ Cent. $151.2

Octr. 16. To Cash paid for 6 Shares of Masonic Loan for the Sinking Fund, at $100 . . . . . $600.

The Sinking Fund now consists of the following Stock, Viz:

40 Shares Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock and Dividends thereon from 1st July, 1815.

10 Shares Masonic Loan and Interest thereon from 1st July, 1815.

$2757 of Six per Cent. Stock of the United States, and Interest thereon from 1st October, 1815.

with the Trustees of the Masonic Loans. Cr.

1815.

Feby. 28.	By Cash receiv'd of the Grand Treasurer on Order of the Grand Master	$500.
"	By ditto receiv'd 6 Months Interest on 4 Shares of Masonic Loan, due 1st January	12.
"	By ditto receiv'd 6 Months Dividend on 40 Shares of Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock	80.
"	By ditto receiv'd 6 Months Interest on $1375.93 of U. S. 6 ℘ Cent. Stock, due 1st January	41.26
		$633.26

June 16.	By Cash receiv'd of the Grand Treasurer on Order of the G. Masr.	$500.
"	By ditto receiv'd 3 Mos. Interest on $2068.2 of 6 ℘ Cent. Stock, due 1st April.	31.2
		$531.2

July 14.	By Cash recd. 3 Mos. Int. on $2601.71 of 6 ℘ Ct. Stock, due 1st Inst.	$39.2
"	By ditto recd. 6 Mos. Int. on 4 Shares Masonic Loan, due 1st Ins	12.
"	By ditto recd. 6 Mos. Dividend on 40 Shares Farmers' and Mechanicks' Bank Stock, due 1st Instant.	100.
		$151.2

Octr. 16.	By Cash recd. of the Grand Treasurer on an Order of the G. Mr.	558.66
"	By ditto recd. 3 Mos. $2757 of 6 ℘ Cent. Stock, due 1st Inst.	41.34
		$600.

The above submitted for the information of the Stockholders of the Masonic Loans.

Philadelphia, 1st January, 1816.

Errors and Omissions Excepted.

(Sign'd) GEORGE A. BAKER,

Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The Committee appointed on the 3rd October, 1814, to consider of the propriety of increasing the Funds of the Grand Lodge, made Report, which was read, Amended and Adopted as follows, to wit:

"Resolved, That the following Additions be made to the "present Dues, &c., to go into Effect on St. John's Day next, "Viz:

"One Dollar Additional, for every Candidate Initiated "under this Jurisdiction.

"Sixteen Cents per Annum, Additional, for Every Member "of the Subordinate Lodges, making the Grand Lodge "Dues of every Member One Dollar per Annum.

"Three Dollars Additional for Every Dispensation, making "the price of Dispensations Ten Dollars."

The Committee appointed to enquire into the most expedient mode of increasing the Emoluments of the Office of Grand Secretary made Report which was read. And

On Motion made and Seconded, the same was referr'd back to the same Committee, and Brors. Badger and Randall were added to the said Committee.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 21, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for "Examination the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 21, held at "Harrisburg,

"Respectfully Report,

"That after a careful Examination they approve of the "same and recommend that they be adopted, with the follow-"ing amendment, to wit:

"In Article 10th after the word 'another' in the Sixth Line, "insert the words *both being Master Masons.*

"Philadelphia, 4 January, 1816.

(Sign'd) "RICH. BACHE,
"GEORGE A. BAKER, junr., } Committee."
"NATN. R. POTTS,

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 25, held at Bristol, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred the "Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 25, held in the Borough of "Bristol, Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the same and recom- "mend that they be adopted with the following exceptions "and Amendments, to wit:

"Article 2nd. Strike out all that follows 'Days' in the "Third Line and insert *Agreeably to the regulations of the "Grand Lodge on the Subject of Elections.*

"Articles 8, 9 and 13, Strike out these Three Articles.

"Philadelphia, 4 January, 1816.

(Sign'd) "RICH. BACHE,
"GEORGE A. BAKER, junr., } Committee."
"NATN. R. POTTS,

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 109, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referr'd the "Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 109, held in the Town of St. "Genevieve in the Missouri Territory, Respectfully Re- "port,

"That they have carefully examined the same and recom- "mend that they be adopted with the following Exceptions "and Amendments, to wit:

"Article 1. In the First Line, strike out the words 'and Livery.'

"Article 1. Section 4, Strike out this Section.

"Article 4. Section 2, Strike out 'Secretary' and insert *Tyler.*

"Article 5. Section 2, Strike out this Section.

" Section 3, Strike out this Section.

" Section 5, Strike out this Section.

"Article 7. Section 1, Strike out this Section.

" Section 2, Strike out all that follows 'members of the Lodges' in the 9th line, until the words 'the Candidate' in the 17th line. And add the words 'And Qualifications' after the word 'Character' in the 19th line.

"Article 7. Section 7, Strike out 'Ancient' in the first line, and insert the words 'being an Ancient York,' after the word 'Brother' in the same line.

" Section 9, Insert the words 'be presented' after 'Petition' in the first line.

"Article 8. Section 1, Strike out the word 'Ballot' and all that follows in the Two last lines, and insert 'a Majority of the Members present.'

"Article 9. Section 4, Strike out this Section.

"Article 13. Section 1, Insert 'York' after 'Ancient' in the Sixth line.

"Article 15. Section 1, Insert the word 'after' in lieu of the word 'upon' in the 8th line.

"Strike out both the Amendments.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"Philad^a., 4 Jan., 1816.

(Sign'd) "RICH. BACHE,
"GEORGE A. BAKER, jun^r., } Committee."
"NAT^N. R. POTTS,

Which Report was Adopted.

An Account was presented for 2 Looking Glasses, bought to replace 2 which were Stolen out of the lower part of the New Hall, Amounting to $60, and Ordered to be paid.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Bro^rs. Newcomb, Barnes and J. S. Lewis be a Committee to enquire of the Directors of the Mutual Assurance Company, whether holding the Adult School in the New Hall will invalidate the policy of Insurance of the same, and that they make Report.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock in the

Evening, to meet on Tuesday, the 30th Instant at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 30th, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Extra Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. WALTER KERR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Joseph R. Hopkins, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" James Forsyth, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Israel Israel, R. W. P. G. M.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. P. G. M.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. G. M.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. P. Senior Grand Warden.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 70, 71, 83, 91, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 126, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134 and 139 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition from the remaining Brethren (4 in Number) of the late Lodge N°. 78, (which was held at the Old Mingo Towns and Vacated for Delinquency in 1806,) was read, praying that this Grand Lodge would accept from them a Sum in lieu of Arrearages, and grant them a receipt therefor, so that

they may with propriety make application for a Warrant to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, under whose Jurisdiction they now reside, Which was referr'd to Brothers George A. Baker, Josiah Randall and James Harper, jun^r., to Examine and Report thereon.

A Petition from C—— B—— was read, respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N°. 100, and referr'd to the Committee before appointed on his Appeal from the said Vote of Expulsion.

A Letter from J—— P——, respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N°. 139, was read and Ordered to be handed to the Committee appointed on his Appeal.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky of 30th November last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancient York Masons, of 29th October last, as also Decree in Chancery in South Carolina, in Suit of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina against the Grand Lodge of South Carolina Ancient York Masons, (and which is in favour of the Ancients), were received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee of 15th Ultimo, was received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Letter from Woodbury, New Jersey, giving an Account of several Members of the Spurious Lodge held in this City, having visited the Lodge at Woodbury, was read and Ordered to lay on the Table.

The Committee appointed on the 18th Ultimo, on the prayer of Lodge N°. 109, to be exonerated from the payment of sundry Grand Lodge Dues which are lost to the said Lodge, being owing from poor Brethren unable to pay and from others who removed without paying their Dues, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"The Committee to whom was referred the Account of "Grand Lodge Dues of Lodge N°. 109, Respectfully Report,

"That in their Opinion a Subordinate Lodge having remit-

"ted the Dues of a particular Member, is not a satisfactory "reason for the Grand Lodge to remit the Sums due to them "on Account of such Member, and that a Member removing "from the place where the Lodge is held without withdrawing, "would not in general be a reason for the Grand Lodge's re-"mitting the sum due to them on Account of such Member. "But from the particular circumstances of the present Case, "the Committee recommended to the Grand Lodge to remit "so much of the Dues of Lodge N°. 109, as relates to Members "having removed without withdrawing. Wherefore, Re-"solved, That $11.97 be remitted by the Grand Lodge to "Lodge N°. 109.

"January 30, 1816."

(Sign'd) "B. NEWCOMB, jun^r.
"J. RANDALL."

Which Report and Resolution were Adopted.

The Committee appointed on the Subject of the Compensation of the Grand Secretary made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsyl^a.:

"The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the "Committee appointed to enquire into the most expedient "mode of increasing the emoluments of the Office of "Grand Secretary,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have considered the Subject, and beg leave "to report that the compensation of the Grand Secretary is at "present altogether inadequate to the Duties of the Office; "they therefore offer the following Resolutions increasing the "compensation of that Officer.

"Resolved, that the Fees of the Grand Secretary shall be as "follows, Viz:

"For every Warrant constituting a Lodge, Six Dollars.

"For every Dispensation, Three Dollars.

"For every Certificate, One Dollar and Fifty Cents.

"For Registering every Member made, Twenty Five Cents.

"Resolved, that the Extra Allowance Annually made by

"the Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretary, be increased to the "Sum of Two Hundred Dollars.

"Philad^a., 26 Jan^y., 1816.

(Sign'd) "FRED^K. ERRINGER.
"SAMUEL LIPPINCOTT, T.
"JOSIAH RANDALL.
"SAMUEL BADGER."

Which Report and Resolutions were Adopted.

The Committee appointed to make Enquirey respecting the Policy of Insurance on the New Hall, read a Letter which they had Addressed to the Directors of the Mutual Assurance Company on that Subject, which Letter met the Approbation of the Grand Lodge. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the said Committee be invested with full power to Act in the premisses according to the best of their discretion.

The following Returns and Communications from Lodges were read.

Lodge N°. 3, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members.

Lodge N°. 5, held at Cantwell's Bridge. Election Return. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues to Decr. last. The Dues of said Lodge having been paid to the Grand Treasurer, they now surrendered their Warrant, (as ℔ Resolution of this G. Lodge of the 18th December last, granting permission), for the purpose of making application to the G. L. of Delaware for a Warrant.

Lodge N°. 9, held at Philadelphia. List of Past Masters. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. Communication of the Rejection of L—— F——.

Lodge N°. 51, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of their Bye Laws, which was referred to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 59, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 75, held at Charlestown Township, Chester County. Election Return. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 81, held at Germantown. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 83, held at Damascus, Wayne County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 114, held at Philadelphia. Return of Past Masters. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 127, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 128, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 131, held at Philadelphia. Return of Past Masters. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 134, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 135, held at Roxborough. Return of Members.

Lodge N°. 141, held at Halifax, Dauphin County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Copy of their Bye Laws, which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

The Petition of J—— A. L——, respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N°. 139, was read and referr'd to Bro^rs. Thomas Entrikin, Joseph R. Hopkins and Robert De Silver, to Examine and Report thereon.

Sundry Resolutions respecting the Adult School were offered

and read, and Ordered to lay on the Table till the next Night of Meeting.

The following Resolution was offered and Ordered to lay on the Table, to wit:

Resolved, that a Committee of Five Members be appointed to define the powers of the Grand Master in conformity with the Land marks of our Order.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock in the Evening, to meet on Monday next at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th February, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Extra Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. WALTER KERR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Benjamin Say, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Boyd Reilley, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Israel Israel, R. W. P. Grand Master.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. G. M.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senr. Grand Warden.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 70, 71, 72, 92, 108, 113, 114, 115, 122, 130, 131, 134 and 139 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons were read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Milton, in the County of Northumberland, in Pennsylvania, to be Named "Charity Lodge" and that Bro^r. Joseph Kerr, might be Named the First W. Master; Bro^r. John Miller, the First Senior Warden, and Bro^r. David Rittenhouse, the First Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 144.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons was read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Wilkinsburg, to be Named "Church Hall Lodge" and that Bro^r. William Hamilton, might be Named the First W. Master; Bro^r. William Parks, the First Senior Warden, and Bro^r. James Johnston, the First Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 145.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary receive Twelve and an Half Cents for Registering Masons Admitted Members of a Lodge.

The Resolution Offered at the last Meeting respecting the Adult School were taken into Consideration, Amended and Adopted as follows, to wit:

"Resolved, the Masonic Adult School established by the Grand Lodge is a beneficial Institution and merits the Encouragement of the Grand Lodge.

"Resolved, that the School may be allowed the Use of the different Apartments of the Masonic Hall under the Authority of the Grand Lodge on the Sabbath Day, so soon as Insurance

can be effected against the Risk incurred thereby, the Grand Lodge and Arch Rooms excepted. Provided that the same is maintained without any Expence or responsibility whatever, mediate or immediate to the Grand Lodge.

"Resolved, that it be recommended to the Brethren in the Order of Masonry, friendly to the Adult School, to Associate themselves for the maintenance of the same by voluntary contribution.

"Resolved, that a Committee of Three be appointed to carry the last Resolution into effect."

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Appoint Brothers Samuel F. Bradford, Josiah Randall and John W. Peter the Committee for the above purpose.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to make Enquirey respecting the Policy of Insurance on the New Hall be Authorized to confer with the Trustees of the Masonic Loans on the subject of the said Policy.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Bro^rs. Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., Josiah Randall and George A. Baker be a Committee to ascertain what Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge are in force, and that they have the same printed.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th March, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. WALTER KERR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Bro^r. George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Adolph Ehringhaus, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 83, 91, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 122, 125, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139 and 133 represented.

Twenty Eight Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the different Meetings had since that Time, were read.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of S^t. John's Day last, the R. W. Grand Master now presented a Past Grand Master's Jewell and Hanging to Bro^r. Bradford, R. W. P. G. M., with an Appropriate Address.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of the remaining Members of the late Lodge N°. 78, made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The Committee appointed on the 30th January last, on the "Petition of Bro^rs. Joseph Doddridge, William McCluney, "Robert Marshal and John Agnew, the remaining Mem- "bers of the late Lodge N°. 78, formerly held at the Old "Mingo Towns in the Northwestern Territory, which "Lodge was Vacated for Delinquency on the 7th April, "1806, praying for a discharge from this Grand Lodge so "that they may apply to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Vir- "ginia for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Brooke "Court House in Virginia,

"Respectfully Report,

"That after maturely reflecting upon the prayer of the "Petitioners, they are of Opinion that their request ought to "be granted, upon their complying with either of the follow-"ing propositions, Viz:

"First. That the Petitioners pay to the Grand Lodge the "Amount of Dues which were owing by the "Lodge at the Time the Warrant was Vacated, "and that they be allowed to retain the Jewells, "but that they surrender the Warrant.

"Second. To pay to the Grand Lodge the Amount of Dues "owing by the Petitioners to the Lodge at the "Time of the Vacation of the Warrant, and to "transmit the Warrant and Jewells to the Grand "Lodge.

"Your Committee therefore offer the following Resolutions, "to wit:

"Resolved, That upon the said Petitioners complying with "either of the above propositions, that this Grand Lodge will "grant them a complete discharge for all Arrearages to them, "so that their Warrant having been Vacated, shall be no "obstacle to their making application to the R. W. Grand "Lodge of Virginia for a Warrant.

"Respectfully submitted

(Sign'd) "GEORGE A. BAKER.
"J. RANDALL.
"JAMES HARPER, jun^r."

"Philadelphia, 5th February, 1816."

Which Report and Resolution were Adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 30th January last, on the Petition of J—— A—— L——, respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N°. 139, made Report, which was read and recommitted to the same Committee, and Bro^rs. James Harper, jun^r., and Josiah S. Kay were added to the Committee.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 51, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred the

"Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 51, held in the City of Phila-
"delphia,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they carefully examined the same and Recom-
"mended that they be adopted with the following Alterations
"and Amendments, Viz:

"Article 3rd, Line Ninth, between the words 'of' and 'Ad-
"mitted,' insert *shall be Initiated and.* In the same line
"after the word 'Admitted,' insert *a Member.*

"Article 6th, Fifth Line, strike out 'a' and insert *No Mem-*
"*ber who has not paid up his Dues shall Vote at an Election*
"*for Officers of this Lodge and any.* In Line Sixth of same
"Article, after the word 'any,' insert *other.*

"Philadelphia, March 1, 1816.

(Sign'd) "RICH. BACHE.
"GEORGE A. BAKER, junr. } Committee."
"NATN. R. POTTS.

Which Report was Adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 141, held at Halifax, Dauphin County, recommending that the said Bye Laws be referr'd back to the said Lodge for their further Consideration, which was read and Approved.

The Committee appointed respecting the Policy of Insurance of the New Hall, Reported that upon Application to the Board of Directors of the Mutual Assurance Company, they had Ordered an Additional Clause to be inserted in the Policy and which was done, and appears in the Policy as follows, to wit:

"Philadelphia, February 14th, 1816, permission is hereby
"granted to hold Balls, Concerts, Public Dinners and Schools
"in the Insured Premisses without detriment to this Policy."

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, of the 14th November last, was read and Order'd to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of 6th November last, was read and Order'd to be deposited amongst the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

The following Returns and Communications from Lodges were read, to wit:

Lodge No. 21, held at Harrisburg. Election Return of December last. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 22, held at Sunbury. Election Return. Return of Members.

Lodge No. 50, held at West Chester. A Commission duly Executed appointing Bro^r. Samuel H. Jacobs, Proxy of the said Lodge. Whereupon, Bro^r. Jacobs was duly recognized as the Proxy of said Lodge No. 50.

Lodge No. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Return of Members to December, 1813.

Lodge No. 71, held at Philadelphia. List of Past Masters. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. Communication of Expulsions on 27th Ult.

Lodge No. 72, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 91, held at Philadelphia. Communication of sundry Expulsions on the 26th Ultimo.

Lodge No. 100, held at Hughesburgh. Election Return.

A Letter from Bro^r. John M. Connor to Lodge No. 51, held in this City and by said Lodge referr'd to this Grand Lodge, was read. It Communicated that he had lost his Grand Lodge Certificate and that he believed it had been stolen by a Young Man from Lexington, Kentucky, who came on to this City to attend a Course of Medical Lectures but who, in consequence of another Act of which he was guilty, had left the City to return to Kentucky, whence there was reason to believe he would direct his Course to some of the Spanish Provinces on this Continent. Whereupon, Resolved, That the Grand Secretary communicate the same to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary receive One Dollar and Fifty Cents for every Certificate clear of Parchment and Printing.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be Authorized to Certify when John E. Porter, late a Member of Lodge No. 50, received his Grand Lodge Certificate and that upon examining the Records of the Grand Lodge, it does not appear that the said John E. Porter was ever excluded or Expelled either from the Grand Lodge or from any Subordinate Lodge under its Jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d June, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. WALTER KERR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Thomas S. Manning, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P.T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel H. Jacobs, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" George A. Baker, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 75, 71, 72, 91, 100, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 122, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134 and 139 represented.

Thirty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication were read.

The Grand Officers who were Appointed a Committee on the 18th December last, on the Letter of Victor Guillou, offering to Rent the lower parts of the New Hall for a further Time after the expiration of the Lease under which he held the same at that Time with full power to Act in the premisses, Reported, That they had let the same to Mr. Guillou for the Term of One Year, from the First Day of May last, for the Rent of Twelve Hundred Dollars, to be paid in quarterly payments and reserving to this Grand Lodge the same Privileges which had been reserved in his former Lease; That Leases had been duly Executed by the said Grand Officers and by the said Victor Guillou on the 11th of March last, and that a Bond in the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars, Conditioned for the payment of the said Rent and performance of Covenants, had been Executed by the said Victor Guillou, and his Security, Anthony Laussat, And which said Lease and Bond were presented by the Committee and Approved of.

The Committee on the Subject of the Ahiman Rezon made Report, which was read, amended and Adopted as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.

"The Committee on the Subject of the Ahiman Rezon, "Respectfully Report,

"That a New Edition of the Ahiman Rezon shall be pub- "lished in which shall be the following Alterations and Ad- "ditions, Viz:

"Strike out from the word "removed" in the Second Line "of the 82nd Page to the word "requires" in the 88th "Page inclusive. And insert in lieu thereof the particu- "lar Rules and Regulations now in force in the Grand "Lodge.

"Add the Old and New Regulations (strictly so called) to "be printed in Opposite Columns on the same page and "the Old Charges.

"Strike out the 2nd Song.

"That the Committee have the Ahiman Rezon published "in the Cheapest manner they can for and on Account of the "Grand Lodge.

"The Committee respectfully request that they may be per-
"mitted to make such Alterations as they may deem necessary
"to render the work more complete, which Alterations will
"be hereafter submitted.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"June 3, 1816.

(Sign'd) "B. NEWCOMB, jun^r.,
"JOSIAH RANDALL."

On Motion made and Seconded, the Resolution offered on the 4th September last, respecting the Elections of Officers of the Subordinate Lodges was taken into Consideration, Amended and Adopted as follows, to wit: Resolved, That from and after the First Day of September next, the Elections of Officers of the Subordinate Lodges belonging to this Grand Lodge, be held Annually in Conformity with the Warrants Constituting them as Lodges.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the said Resolution as Adopted be referred to the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon for incorporation with the New Edition of the Ahiman Rezon ordered by the Grand Lodge to be printed.

The Committee on the Petition of John A. Lane, respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N°. 139, made Report, which was read and is as follows, Viz:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania
"and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee appointed at a Meeting of the Grand
"Lodge on the 30th January last, together with the Ad-
"ditional Committee of the 4th March last, in the Case
"of the Appeal of John A. Lane from the decision of
"Lodge N°. 139, relative to his Expulsion therefrom, beg
"leave to Report,

"That they have attended to the Duty Assigned them and
"state the following as the result of their proceedings. It
"appeared in Evidence before Your Committee That John A.
"Lane did on the Day of apply to Bro^r. Kerr, the then
"R. W. D. G. M. for a Dispensation to Enter, pass and Raise

"a person who had been previously Black ball'd in said Lodge "No. 139, and did procure said Dispensation, but by the timely "Zeal of a Brother the Deputy Grand Master was informed "of the Circumstances and immediately took measures to pre-"vent the Dispensation being carried into effect.

"It further appeared in Evidence before Your Committee "that the said John A. Lane had in his possession papers on "the different Degrees of Masonry which ought not to have "been written, which papers it appears he had procured from "a person who was not a Mason and kept them in his posses-"sion for Three Months to the great hazard of rendering pub-"lic those Things which good Masons through all Ages have "thought proper inviolably to preserve; That said papers "came into the Hands of the late Grand Master through the "medium of a Brother to whom said Lane had lent them; "That Lodge No. 139, proceeding on Charges predicated on "the foregoing Conduct of said John A. Lane and duly in-"vestigating the same, did (in consequence of a Resolution "offered by a Committee of said Lodge appointed to investi-"gate the foregoing Charges,) proceed to ballot for said Lane "when there appearing against him Fifteen Black and but "Two White Balls in his favour, he was declared to be Ex-"pelled from said Lodge and Notified thereof accordingly. "Whereupon, an Appeal was had to this Grand Lodge which "was referred to your Committee. Your Committee whilst "they are constrained to Acknowledge the Truth of the "Charges exhibited against J. A. Lane, would state in exten-"uation of his fault, that at the Time the person for whom he "endeavoured to obtain a Dispensation was Black balled, the "Lodge Agreed not to Notice the transaction on their Minutes "but to permit him to withdraw his Petition, thereby as John "A. Lane says he was induced to believe, placing him in the "same situation in which he stood previous to his Petitioning "the Lodge to be made a Mason and consequently that he was "not aware of any breach of Masonic Duty by endeavouring "to obtain the said Dispensation and it appears to Your Com-"mittee upon the whole Evidence and by their own Minutes, "that such really was the Conduct of the Lodge in the said

"Case. In Addition to the foregoing remark, Your Committee would observe that said J. A. Lane now appears to be "fully sensible of his Errors and truly Penitent for his Faults, "but inasmuch as it appears doubtful to Your Committee "whether he would find his situation to be a pleasant one as a "Member of said Lodge N°. 139, and fearful that his restoration thereto might be injurious to the Harmony of said "Lodge, Your Committee, willing to extend that Charity to "a penitent Brother which they would hope to experience on "similar occasions, beg leave to offer the following resolution "for the Consideration of the Grand Lodge.

"Resolved, that Brother John A. Lane be restored to the "right and privileges of Masonry so far as is necessary to enable him to become a Member of any Lodge willing to receive him.

(Sign'd) "JOSEPH R. HOPKINS.
"I. S. KAY.
"THO^S. ENTRIKIN.
"ROB^T. DE SILVER.
"JAMES HARPER, jun^r."

Which Report and Resolution were Adopted.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of C—— H——, respecting his Suspension by Lodge N°. 139, made Report, which was read and is as follows, Viz:

"The undersigned, Your Committee appointed on the Petition of C—— H—— in Appeal from a Vote of Suspension "pass'd by Rising Sun Lodge, N°. 139, Beg leave to Report,

"That from the Evidence produced before them they are of "Opinion the proceedings of said Lodge were illegal. The "Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

"Resolved, that the proceedings in the Case of C—— H—— "in Lodge N°. 139, be reversed.

Philad^a., June 3, 1816.

(Sign'd) "MICHAEL NISBET.
"THOMAS PARSON."

Which Report and Resolution were Adopted.

Returns to December last, of Lodge No. 50 held at West Chester, were received and read as follows.

Election Return. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of D—— J——, and returning the re-instatements of J—— N—— and W—— W——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock in the Evening, to meet on the First Monday in July at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Monday, 24th June, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro. WALTER KERR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
" William Wray, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" John Paul Schott, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" George A. Baker, jun., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Britton White, jun., Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Henry Riesch, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" Thomas Pearson, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 108, 113, 114, 121, 122, 126, 128 and 131 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock in the Evening.

The Lodges having been called on for their Returns, the following Returns, &c., were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N°. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. A Copy of their Bye Laws, which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. An Alteration in their Bye Laws, which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 45, held at Pittsburg. Election Return of December last. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 46, held at Ephrata. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Resolution of 5th April last, giving up the small Room.

Lodge N°. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Returns of Members to Decem^r., 1814 and 1815. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to Dec^r., 1814.

Lodge N°. 62, held at Reading. Election Return to December last.

Lodge N°. 69, held at Chester. Election Return of December last.

Lodge N°. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 75, held at Charlestown Township, Chester C°. A Commission appointing Bro^r. Joseph S. Lewis, Esqr., Proxy of the said Lodge. Whereupon, Bro^r. Lewis was duly recognized as the Proxy of said Lodge N°. 75. A Resolution of said Lodge of the 9th March last, giving the said Lodge the Name of "Phoenix Lodge," and appointing all their future Meetings to be held Monthly, on the Saturday previous Full Moon, unless the Moon fulls on Saturday, then to be held on that Day, Which Name of the Lodge and alteration of their Times of Meeting were approved.

Lodge N°. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 91, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the restoration of Nathaniel P. Hood on the 28th Novem^r., 1814.

Communication of the Re-instatement of Hugh Shannon on the 6th Instant. Election Return.

Lodge No. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 124, held in the Borough of Erie. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 126, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge, which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge No. 131, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Communication of the Suspension of J—— C—— and T—— L——.

Lodge No. 132, held in Chester County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge No. 139, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 144, held at Milton, Northumberland County. Return to Dispensation for Constituting said Lodge, whereby it appears that the same was duly Constituted on the 2nd Day of May last.

Lodge No. 145, held at Wilkinsburgh, Alleghany County. Return to Dispensation for Constituting the said Lodge, whereby it appears that the same was duly Constituted on the 14th Instant.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Half past 11 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st July, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Thomas S. Manning, R. W. Jun. G. Warden, P. T.

Bro^r. George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" John W. Peter, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
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" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 91, 108, 113, 114, 115, 122, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134 and 139 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Petition of L—— K——, stating that he has been Expell'd by Lodge N°. 52, held in this City without having had a hearing and without knowing who his accusers were, was read and referr'd to Bro^rs. Randall, Worrell and McAlpin to Examine and Report thereon.

Whereas it appears that a Spurious Lodge is held in this City under the Name of "The Philadelphia Lodge, N°. 2." Therefore,

Resolved, That the Members of all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction be cautioned not to Visit the said Spurious Lodge or to have any Masonic intercourse with any of its Members under pain of Expulsion.

Resolved, That the same be Communicated to all the Grand Lodges of the Correspondence.

Resolved, That Bro^rs. Newcomb, Barnes and Randall be a Committee to enquire whether the said Spurious Lodge has a Warrant from any Masonic Authority whatever, in Order to Ascertain whether any Masons, or Body of Masons, have arrogated to themselves to interfere with the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the Subject of the Ahiman Rezon made Report, offering Additional Alterations and Amendments, which was read and the Consideration thereof postponed.

A Communication of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, of October, 1814, and October, 1815, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, of 1st January last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, of the 25th November last, was read and Order'd to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Letter was read from Bro^r. James Wilson, W. Master of Lodge N°. 143, held at Chambersburgh, dated 15th March last, informing that (pursuant to a power given to him by the Grand Secretary) he had received and had in his possession, for the Grand Lodge, the Chest with the Jewells, &c., of the late Lodge N°. 79, lately held at Chambersburgh and which was Vacated for Delinquency on the 4th April, 1814. It also stated that John Shryock who was a Member of said late Lodge N°. 79, and who was Treasurer when the Warrant thereof was Vacated, was very desirous of being re-instated as a Member of the Fraternity in whatever way the Grand Lodge should see proper, notwithstanding the said late Lodge N°. 79, is indebted to him upwards of One Hundred Dollars. And it further stated that Bro^r. Shryock's re-instatement would be gratifying to the Brethren of Chambersburgh. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That upon Bro^r. Shryock's complying with the 26th Article of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, by paying into the Hands of the Grand Treasurer all Arrears due from him to the said late Lodge N°. 79, up to the Time the same was Vacated, he be fully re-instated in his former standing as a Member of the Fraternity.

Two Letters, dated 29th April and 17 May last, from Bro^r. George M. Wagner, W. Master of Lodge N°. 141, held at Halifax, Dauphin County, were read, informing that, pursuant to a Power given to him by the Grand Secretary, he had proceeded to Palms Town to receive the Warrant, Books, Papers, Jewells, Furniture and Funds of the late Lodge N°. 101, lately

held at Palmstown and which was Vacated for Delinquency on the 4th April, 1814; That he had received them together with the Chest of the said late Lodge and had them in his possession for the Grand Lodge, but that he found in the Chest only $4.32½ of Money of the Funds of the Lodge, although he had been informed by some of the Brethren of the said late Lodge that upon counting the Money in the Chest when the Warrant was Vacated there had been at least Sixty Dollars left in it; Also, desiring to be informed what he should do with some Notes of Hand due from some of the Members of the said late Lodge, And, Also whether he should collect the Arrears which by the Books appear to be owing from some of the late Members.

It also stated that Brothers Joseph Deyermon, John Crumwell, Genl. John Harrison, William McNair, Hugh Moore and Henry Mease, who were Members of the said late Lodge at the Time it was Vacated, were desirous of being re-instated as Members of the Fraternity and recommended them as worthy thereof. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Bror. Wagner be Authorized to demand and receive for the use of this Grand Lodge, the Amount of the several Notes of Hand to the said late Lodge No. 101, and also all Dues and other Monies owing to the same from any of its late Members.

Resolved, That upon Brothers Joseph Deyermon, John Crumwell, Genl. John Harrison, William McNair, Hugh Moor and Henry Mease, complying with the 26th Article of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge by paying into the Hands of the Grand Treasurer all Arrears due from them to the said late Lodge No. 101, up to the Time the same was Vacated, they be fully re-instated in their former standing as Members of the Fraternity.

Resolved, That Brother George M. Wagner and the present Wardens of said Lodge No. 141, be a Committee to make enquirey respecting the Money said to have been in the Chest of said late Lodge No. 101, at the Time of its having been Vacated, And Also into the Conduct of Adam Ketring, the

last Treasurer of the said late Lodge N°. 101, and that they make Report to this Grand Lodge.

The following Returns, &c., were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N°. 70, held at Athens, Bradford County. Election Return of December last. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 71, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Suspension of T—— H——.

Lodge N°. 115, held at Philadelphia. An Alteration in their Bye Laws, which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 10 o'clock in the Evening, to meet on the First Monday in August, at seven o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th August, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Peter Benner, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Joseph Caskey, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 91, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 122, 125, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134 and 139 represented.

Twenty Eight Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons was read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in Meadville, Crawford County, to be Named the Western Star, and that Bro^r. Robert L. Potter might be named the First W. Master; Bro^r. David Logan, the First Senior Warden, and Bro^r. James Herriott, the First Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 146.

A Letter was received from the Reverend Brother James Milnor, One of the Grand Chaplains, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"Being called, in the Providence of God to remove "from this place to the City of New York, I beg leave to "tender you the resignation of my Office of a Chaplain of "your right Worshipful Body, and to bid the Brethren an "Affectionate Adieu.

"Although Circumstances of an unavoidable nature have "withdrawn me from the active Duties of the Institution, I "shall ever respect its principles, and bear in grateful remem-"brance the pleasures I have experienced in attending for so "many Years to the promotion of its interests.

"Accept, Brethren, of my unworthy prayers for the con-"tinuance of harmony and prosperity in the Grand Lodge "and its several dependencies for the cultivation of the princi-"ples and practice of Moral and religious duty amongst the "Members of the Fraternity, and for their Temporal and "Eternal Felicity.

(Sign'd) "JAMES MILNOR.

"Philad^a., July 17, 1816."

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

The said Resignation was accepted.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That Bro^r. Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master, Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master, and Bro^r. Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master, be a Committee to Answer the Rev^d. Bro^r. Milnor by a respectful Address suited to the Occasion.

The Report of the Committee on the subject of the Ahiman Rezon which was read on the 1st of July last, and the Consideration thereof postponed was again read, and After some Time spent in Consideration thereof and Debate thereon,

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 12th August, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" William Wray, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas S. Manning, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Charles Snyder, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 9, 19, 21, 59, 70, 108, 113, 114, 122, 126 and 131 represented.

Eleven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons was read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Bethany, in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, to be named "Freedom Lodge," and that Bro^r. Matthias Keen might be Named the First W. Master; Bro^r. Benjamin Raymond, the First Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Francis Burns, the First Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 147.

After a short space of Time Bro^r. Grand Secretary presented a Warrant, duly made, Executed and Registered pursuant to the foregoing Resolution, and Bro^r. Keen being present and requesting to be Installed, the said Warrant, On Motion made and Seconded, was read, and thereupon, Bro^r. Matthias Keen was duly Installed and recognized as W. Master of "Freedom Lodge," N°. 147. All Brethren not Past Masters, having previously withdrawn.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at One Quarter past 11 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2nd September, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
" Thomas Pearson, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Bro^r. Joseph R. Hopkins, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Joseph Caskey, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Issachar Price, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Israel Israel, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 83, 91, 100, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 122, 125, 126, 130, 131, 128, 134 and 139 represented.

Twenty Eight Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the different Communications had since that Time were read.

A Petition was read from William Taggert, William McCay, James Lee, John Wheatley, Frederick Birkinbine, John Hepburn, John P. Schuyler, Henry Gilna, Joseph McCord, John Boyd, John Cowden, Theodore Jos. Rocholl, Andrew Kennedy, William Wilson and Samuel Sharnan, all Ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Northumberland, in the County of Northumberland, in Pennsylvania, under the Name of "Perseverence Lodge" and that Bro^r. William Taggert, might be named the First W. Master; Bro^r. William McCay, the First Senior Warden, and Bro^r. James Lee, the First Junior Warden of the same.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Lodge N°. 22, held at Sunbury, be informed that the above named Brethren have Petitioned this Grand Lodge for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Northumberland, And that if the said Lodge N°. 22, has any Objections against a Warrant being so granted, they be requested to Communicate their Objections to this Grand Lodge on or before the Quarterly Communication in December next.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That all Lodges which shall hereafter be established within Five Miles of this City pay, exclusive of the Grand Lodge Dues which are paid by all the Subordinate Lodges, the Sum of Five Dollars for every Initiation, to the Sinking Fund of the Grand Lodge, in the same manner as is paid by all the Lodges meeting in the New Hall.

A Communication was received from the Hall Committee and read, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Hall Committee fully impressed with the importance "of preserving the Building and its Appurtenances, And "being of Opinion that the Hall will receive very material "injury for want of Paint in the approaching Winter unless "it be attended to, have directed me to lay the subject before "the Grand Lodge, as the Expence will be more than they "feel warranted, (under present Circumstances,) in incurring. "In Obedience therefore to the Committee, I have made en-"quirey into the Expence of Painting in the most compleat "and workmanlike manner the whole External part of the "Building, Fences, Gates, Privies, &c., &c., (so far as has been "painted,) and find it will not exceed Five Hundred Dollars "for Two Coats, which the Committee deem necessary and at "the same Time sufficient, the above sum includes Colour, "Oil, Scaffolding, &c. And in Order that the Committee "may know the wish of the Grand Lodge they direct the fol-"lowing Resolution:

"Resolved, That Five Hundred Dollars be Appropriated "for the purpose of Painting the External part of the Masonic "Hall and Appurtenances so far as have been painted hereto-"fore.

Committee Room.

(Sign'd) "SAMUEL LIPPINCOTT, T.
"Chairman Hall Committee."

"Philad^a., August 6, 1816."

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 3, held at Philadelphia, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws, Respectfully Report, "That they have duly examined the Bye Laws of Lodge No. "3, and approve the same except as follows, Viz:

"Art. 2nd, Line 3rd, Strike out the words between '*ballot*' "in the 3rd Line and '*at*' in the 5th Line.

"Art. 8, Strike out the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and "part of the Eighth Line to the words *no Application.*

"Section 7th of the Rules of Order. Strike out in the First "Line *except in the Election of Officers.*

"And recommend that they be adopted as Amended.

(Sign'd) "RICHD. BACHE,
"GEORGE A. BAKER, junr., } Committee."
"NATN. R. POTTS,

"Philada., 2 Septr., 1816."

Which Report was Adopted.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock in the Evening, to meet on the First Monday in October at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th October, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Brother WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, junr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Anthony Lafitte, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" George A. Baker, junr., Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.

Bro^r. Robert Grant, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 59, 67, 70, 72, 91, 108, 113, 114, 115, 121, 122, 126, 128, 131, 134, 139 and 143 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past Six o'clock, in the Evening.

Visitor, The R. W. Jacobs, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The Grand Secretary stated, that he had not been able to procure from the Executors of Bro. Duplessis, the Papers and Documents belonging to this Grand Lodge, which Bro. Duplessis had received as Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence be directed to procure from the Executors of Bro. Duplessis, the Papers and documents belonging to this Grand Lodge which were in his hands at the time of his death.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Bro^rs. Samuel F. Bradford, Joseph Barnes and James Harper, jun^r., be a Committee to inquire respecting the right of this Grand Lodge, to recommend objects to the Philadelphia Dispensary and that they make Report.

On Motion of Brother Newcomb and Seconded by Brother Randall,

Resolved, That the Reports heretofore made by them on the Subject of the Ahiman Rezon be recommitted to them and that five other Members of the Grand Lodge be added to the said Committee, with directions to the said Committee to Report to this Grand Lodge all the Laws now in force therein with such alterations and amendments as they may deem expedient.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to add Brothers Richard Tybout, Samuel F. Bradford, Joseph Barnes, George A. Baker and James Harper, jun^r., to the above Committee.

The Resolution laid on the Table on the 30th January last, relative to the appointment of a Committee to define the powers of the Grand Master, was called up for consideration And upon Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the word "master" be stricken out of the said Resolution and the word "officers" be inserted in lieu thereof and that the same as altered, be referred to the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon. The Resolution as altered is in the following words, viz:

Resolved, that the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon define the powers of the Grand Officers in conformity with the Landmarks of Our Order.

A Letter from Brother James Wilson, W. M. of Lodge No. 143, dated Chambersburg, 26 August, 1816, respecting the reinstatement of Bro. Shryock, was received and read and ordered to be filed.

A Letter dated Chambersburg, 26 August, 1816, from Bro. John Shryock, late a Member of the late Lodge No. 79, vacated for delinquency was received and read. The Letter stated that he conceived the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 1st July last, re-instating him in his former standing as a Mason upon his paying to the Grand Treasurer all arrears due from him to the late Lodge No. 79, meant the payment of the Grand Lodge. It further stated that to the late Lodge he did not owe anything, but that the Lodge was considerably indebted to him and that he inclosed a Ten Dollar Note to pay the dues from December, 1804, the time of the last return up to the time the warrant was vacated and if that Sum was not sufficient, he would send the balance as soon as he knew how much it was. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Bro. John Shryock be fully re-instated in his former standing as a Member of the Fraternity, and that the said Sum of Ten Dollars be returned to him by the Grand Secretary.

The Committee appointed to make inquiry respecting the circumstances of the loss of the Funds of the late Lodge No. 101, made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"Halifax, Aug$^{t.}$ 26, A. D. 1816.

"Sir and Brother,

"Having received your favour of Aug$^{t.}$ 5th last past, with a "Receipt from the R. W. Grand Treasurer for Eight Dollars "and Sixteen Cents in full for the Dues owing to the R. W. "Grand Lodge, by our Lodge N$^{o.}$ 141, up to S$^{t.}$ John's the "Baptist June 24^{th,}

"We further state that we have met on the 10th of this in- "stant Aug$^{t.}$ pursuant to a Resolution of the R. W. Grand "Lodge, it appears to us, that it was Resolved, that We, the "W. Master and Wardens of Our W. Lodge N$^{o.}$ 141, should "be a Committee to investigate into the nature and circum- "stances of the Funds of the Lodge N$^{o.}$ 101, and having noti- "fied Br. Adam Ketring the Treasurer of said Lodge N$^{o.}$ 101, "previous to the said 10th day of August, yet he did not ap- "pear and B$^{r.}$ Ja$^{s.}$ Deyerman, (and John Crumwell) (who lives "within two Miles from A. Ketring,) have attended and left "their Depositions we therefore thought proper to postpone "the business until the 17th inst., and to give further notice to "B$^{r.}$ A. Ketring which was agreed to and done. Notice was "sent to Br. Ketring by Br. Jn$^{o.}$ Crumwell to meet us, on the "17$^{th.}$ according to adjournment we met again on the 17th In- "stant, but Br. Adam Ketring had not appeared, but sent a "line that it was out of his power to attend now, and further "signified that he did not know when he could make it "answer, then upon this answer, we thought proper to take "the subject into consideration and if possible to decide on it. "Accordingly by the authority vested in us by the R. W. G. "Lodge we met on said 17th day of this Ins$^{t.}$ August, and on "due deliberation, we first considered Bro. Adam Kettering "not as a Violator of his Masonic Obligation, in wilfully tak- "ing the said Money out of the Treasury, or, as wilfully vio- "lating his own honour and reputation, but as a neglectfull "officer in first of carrying the key to the Chest, after him in "his Pocket when he should have secured it otherwise; Second, "of exposing the Chest to the public, in a public Room where "strangers could have an opportunity of opening the same, "as were the Doctor, alluded to, in the Testimony of Br. Crom-

"well, had it in his power to do so. We therefore Report to "the R. W. G. Lodge, that agreeable to the Testimony of the "Witnesses' Depositions We are of an Unanimous opinion "that Br. Adam Ketring should refund the said sum of Money "wanting to the R. W. G. Lodge.

"G. M. WAGNER, W. M.
"ISAAC SMITH, S. W. } Committee."
"THOMAS GAREY, J. W.

"With due respect I remain yours fraternally,
"Br. GEORGE A. BAKER, "G. M. WAGNER,
"Grand Secretary." "W. M. of Lodge No. 141."

The Deposition of the Witnesses taken by the Committee in the above case were also read.

Which Report was adopted.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to write to Bro. Adam Ketring and require him to comply with the Resolution in the said Report by paying immediately to the Grand Lodge the Money due.

A Petition was receiv'd and read from Bro. Bernard McCready, complaining that Bro. William Wray had Reported that he had been rejected in Lodges No. 9 and 22, in New Jersey, accompanied with Certificates from said Lodges that he had not been rejected. Which Complaint was referred to Brors. Alcorn, Lefferts and Tibley to make inquiry and report thereon.

The following Resolution was offered and ordered to be laid on the Table, to wit:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to devise the best means of establishing a Masonic Library for the use of the Members of this Grand Lodge and to report thereon.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 9, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-"vania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have duly considered the amendments to the "Bye Laws of Lodge No. 9, and that they approve of the same "except as follows.

"Section 2nd, line 2nd, for 'Six' read 'twelve' and recom- "mend that they be adopted.

(Sign'd) "RICHD. BACHE.
"NATN. R. POTTS. } Committee."
"G. A. BAKER, junr.

"Philadelphia, 2 Septr., 1816."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the alteration in the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 115, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have duly examined the amendment to "the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 115, and that they unanimously "approve the same and recommend that it be adopted.

(Sign'd) "RICHD. BACHE.
"NATH. R. POTTS. } Committee."
"G. A. BAKER, junr.

"Philadelphia, 2nd Septr., 1816."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 126, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have duly examined the Bye Laws of "Lodge No. 126, and that they approve the same as amended "and adopted, and recommend that they be adopted.

(Sign'd) "RICHD. BACHE.
"NATH. R. POTTS. } Committee."
"G. A. BAKER, junr.

"Philadelphia, 2 Sepr., 1816."

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 136, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred "the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 136,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have carefully examined the said Bye "Laws and recommend that they be adopted with the follow- "ing alterations and amendments, Viz:

"In Article 3rd, Second line, strike out the word 'Semi.' "In line 3rd of the same article after the word 'before,' Strike "out 'St. John the Baptist's day in June, and.'

"Article 13, In the first line strike out the word 'twice' "and insert the word 'once.' In line second, strike out the "word 'each,' and in line third, between the words 'day' and "'render' insert the words 'in December.'

"And in the first Rule of Order, strike out all between the "word 'Chair' in the first line and the word 'the' in the "second line.

"Your Committee cannot omit stating it as their opinion "that it is highly improper for any Lodge to have their Bye "Laws printed until they have first been submitted to this "Grand Lodge for approbation. This remark is made from "the circumstance of the Bye Laws of the present Lodge hav- "ing been handed to your Committee in Print.

"All which is respectfully Submitted.

(Sign'd) "RICHD. BACHE.
"G. A. BAKER, junr. } Committee."
"NATHN. R. POTTS.

"Philadelphia, Septr. 7th, 1816."

Which Report was adopted.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock in the Evening, to meet on Wednesday the 30th day of October instant at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 30th October, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
" Thomas Pearson, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Alphonso C. Ireland, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Anthony Lafitte, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" James Harper, Junior, Grand Marshal.
" James McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 21, 45, 52, 67, 72, 113, 114, 115, 121, 126, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form at half past Six o'clock in the Evening.

The Grand Secretary was prevented by severe indisposition from attending the meeting of the G. L. this Evening.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, containing a summary of their proceedings June 12, 1816, was read and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, dated July 12, 5816, was read and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of the 6th May last, was read and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received from the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t. Domingo and Cuba, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Committee appointed to inquire respecting the expulsion of J—— P—— by Lodge N°. 139, also to inquire into the general Masonic conduct of said Lodge and of J—— A. L——, late W. Master of said Lodge, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee appointed to make inquiry respecting the "expulsion of J—— P—— by Lodge N°. 139, and also to "enquire into the general Masonic Conduct of said Lodge "and of J—— A. L——, late Worshipful Master of said "Lodge,

"Respectfully Report,

"That they have attended to the duty assigned them, "and offer to the Grand Lodge the following Resolutions, to "wit:

"First. Resolved, that so much of the Report of the former "Committee appointed on this subject as respects "the expulsion of J—— P—— by said Lodge, "be approved by this Grand Lodge, and that "the expulsion of the said J—— P—— be con-"firmed.

"Second. Whereas, it does not appear to your Committee that "any intentional Errors have been committed by "said Lodge N°. 139, in its Masonic conduct, and "whereas a Committee of the said Lodge on be-"half of the Lodge have expressed their regret "that any circumstance should have occurred in "said Lodge to destroy the confidence the Grand "Lodge reposed in said Lodge, therefore "Resolved, that Lodge N°. 139 is in good stand-"ing with this Grand Lodge.

"Third. Whereas, the conduct of the said J—— A. L—— "has been enquired into by a Committee of Lodge "N°. 139, and also by a Committee of this Grand "Lodge, which Committee have severally re-"ported and this Grand Lodge had already acted "thereupon.

"Therefore, Resolved, that this Committee be discharged

"from any further inquiry into the conduct of the said J——
"A. L——.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd) "B. NEWCOMB, jun^r.
"JOS. BARNES.
"LAMBERT KEATTING.
"JAMES HARPER, jun^r."

"Philadelphia, Octr. 7, 1816."

Which Report and Resolution were adopted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee appointed on the Appeal of Lewis Kunitz, from a vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N°. 52, made Report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee appointed to examine into the Case of "Lewis Kunitz make the following Report.

"The Petitioner, Lewis Kunitz, was admitted a Member of "the Spurious Lodge held in Filbert Street about three years "ago. Upwards of fourteen Months since he applied to Lodge "N°. 52 under this Grand Lodge for Initiation into our order, "received the first and second degrees and paid his Initiation "fee. The Petitioner did not apply for advancement nor at-"tend the Lodge, altho' a Committee waited upon him to re-"quest that he would do so. The Petitioner assigns as his "reason for non attendance, engagements in business, and that "his notices were put under the door of a room which was "not used.

"At the stated meeting of N°. 52, in May last, it was Stated "by a Member in the body of the Lodge that the Petitioner, "Lewis Kunitz, had confessed to him that he had visited the "Spurious Lodge, and on this ground as well as his neglect "of his own Lodge, he was that Evening being absent ex-"pelled.

"At the Stated Meeting of N°. 52, in June last, Kunitz, who "thro' the Tyler had received a notice to attend and was "ignorant of his expulsion, attended the Lodge, and before "opening was directed by the Master to withdraw to the "Tyler's room where, after the Lodge had opened, a Commit-

"tee informed him of his expulsion and wished to know if he "had any apology to offer. Kunitz conceiving himself illy "treated, replied he had none and left the Hall.

"In the investigation before your Committee, Kunitz ac- "knowledged, that he had about Nine Months since visited "the Spurious Lodge in company with John Stinger, a Past "Master of No. 139, and Joseph H. Vanderslice, late a Member "of the same Lodge. Kunitz further Stated, that they per- "suaded him to go to see whether Smith Allison, then Junior "Warden of No. 139, was there, Stinger saying, if he were "there, he should not pass the Chair. Brother Speel of No. "139, was also with them, and remonstrated ineffectually "against their conduct. The Spurious Lodge was open, but "these Visitors did not stay more than a few Minutes and saw "none of their proceedings.

"Before the Committee of the Grand Lodge and that of No. "52, Kunitz appeared to regret his conduct and made such "concessions as were satisfactory to your Committee, and "(they would hope), to the Worshipful Master and officers of "No. 52, who attended the examination.

"From this Statement the Committee would leave the con- "duct of Stinger and Vanderslice to the decision of the Grand "Lodge without any comment. Altho' the proceedings of "No. 52 were irregular, as Kunitz had received no notice of "any charge and no opportunity to defend himself, yet the "Lodge appear to have been actuated by a high degree of "zeal and attachment to the true interests of the Craft, and "your Committee would therefore exculpate them from any "censure and conclude with the following resolution.

"Resolved, the Petitioner Lewis Kunitz be restored to his "rights and privileges as an Ancient York Mason.

(Sign'd) "J. RANDALL.
"JOSEPH WORRELL. } Committee."
"J. McALPIN.

"Philad^a., 5 Aug^t., 1816."

Which Report and Resolution were adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Committee consisting of

Bro^rs. Hopkins, Grant and Lemmon, were appointed to make inquiry into the conduct of Bro^rs. Stinger and Vanderslice in visiting the Spurious Lodge held in this City and make Report.

The Committee appointed on the Appeal of Christian Brobst from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N°. 100, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"We the Committee, to whom was referred under the direc-"tion of the Grand Lodge to which this report is attached, on "the Petition of *Christian Brobst* to be re-instated as a mem-"ber of Lodge N°. 100, held at Cattawissa, do report that "there was not that kind of evidence produced before the "Lodge that would justify the expulsion of Brother *Christian* "*Brobst*, therefore recommend that he be re-instated in said "Lodge.

(Sign'd) "ENOCH SMITH, Chairman of the Committee.
"MICHAEL KUTZNER.
"JOHN CUMMINGS.
"JOHN WHEATHER.
"JAMES M^cCLINTOCK. } Committee."

Which Report was adopted.

Three several communications were received and read from Lodge N°. 3, held in this City, communicating the rejection in said Lodge of T—— A——, A—— J—— and E—— P——.

Lodge N°. 21, held at Harrisburg. Election Return of June last. Return of Members.

Lodge N°. 22, held at Sunbury. Election Return of June last. Return of Members.

Lodge N°. 59, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of W—— B——, V—— B——, J—— E—— and A—— M^cD——, and the re-instatement of Charles Reilly. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 66, held in Carnarvon Township, Bucks Co^ty. Election Returns of Dec^r., 1814, June, 1815 and Dec^r., 1815. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 71, held at Philadelphia. Communication dated 23 August, 1816, informing of the suspension of D—— T——, for non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 75, held in Chester County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 83, held at Damascus, Wayne County. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 84, held at Somerset. A Commission duly Executed appointing Bro. Randal Hutchinson, Proxy of said Lodge, was received and read. Whereupon, Bro. Hutchinson was duly recognized as Proxy of said Lodge.

Lodge No. 102, held at Frankford. Election Returns of Decr., 1815 and June, 1816.

Lodge No. 103, held at the Havanna. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge. A Commission duly Executed in blank was received and read, requesting the Grand Lodge to fill up the blank with the name of some respectable Brother as Proxy for said Lodge. Whereupon, the Grand Lodge directed the blank to be filled up with the name of Joseph S. Lewis, who was thereupon duly recognized as Proxy of said Lodge No. 103. Also, a Bill of Exchange for $100 was received from said Lodge.

Also, sundry Letters and a Communication were receiv'd and read; they stated that the Lodge had made frequent remittances of Money to the Grand Lodge through their Proxy, Bro. Peter Duler, and also sent to him their Returns, &c., for the Grand Lodge; That last Spring they transmitted to Bro. Duler for the G. L. a Bill of Exchange for $100, and also their Returns, &c.; That they were delivered to Bro. Duler by Bro. John de Echevarria; That the Lodge was very much surprised to find by a Communication from the Grand Secretary that the Returns and money had not been received by the G. Lodge. They expressed their regret that the Lodge should have incurred any censure from the G. L. on account of the misconduct of its agent, and hoped the G. L. would assist their new Proxy in investigating the conduct of their former Agent,

Bro. Duler. Also, Certificates were read from Bro. Echevarria, declaring that he had delivered the said Bill of Exchange and Documents to Bro. Duler. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded, the said Communication was referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

On Motion made and Seconded,

A Committee consisting of Bro^rs. Michael Nisbet, Isaac Levis and Henry Y. Carter, in conjunction with the Proxy, were appointed to enquire into the conduct of Bro. Peter Duler, relative to communications and funds transmitted to him for the Grand Lodge by Lodge N°. 103, held at the Havanna.

Lodge N°. 108, held at Wysox and Orwell. Election Return of December last. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 114, held in Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 121, held in Philadelphia. Communication, informing of the expulsion of J—— R—— for *immoral and unmasonic conduct.*

Lodge N°. 122, held at New Orleans. Election Return of December last. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues, also a Letter from said Lodge was read and Ordered to be filed.

Lodge N°. 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 130, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 134, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N°. 135, held at Roxborough. Election Return. Also Communication of the suspension of W—— S——, and reinstatement of Elias Swain.

Lodge N°. 136, held at Abington. Communication dated July 15, 1816, informing of the removal of the Lodge to the House of John Stevens in Abington Township, Montgomery County, on the Cheltenham and Willowgrove Turnpike road, Eleven Miles from Philadelphia.

Lodge N°. 139, held at Philadelphia. Three communications were read communicating the expulsion of W—— N.

M——, S—— N——, C—— H——, I—— C—— and C—— K——, for non payment of dues.

Warrant Numbered One hundred and forty, for holding a Lodge in the Army of the United States, having never gone into operation was now returned, Together with the Dispensation to constitute the same.

Lodge No. 141, held at Halifax, Dauphin County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues. A Commission duly Executed appointing Bro. George A. Baker, jun^r., Proxy of said Lodge, was received and read. Whereupon, Bro. Baker was duly recognized as Proxy of said Lodge. Also, a letter from said Lodge was read and ordered to be filed.

Lodge No. 143, held at Chambersburg. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER, jun^r.,
Dep^y. Grand Secretary and
Grand Sec^y. Pro Tem.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2nd December, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. WALTER KERR, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., R. W. Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.
" Samuel Lippincott, T., R. W. Grand Treasurer, Pro Tem.
" Anthony Lafitte, Deputy Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Josiah Randall, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.

Bro^r. James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Israel Israel, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 50, 51, 52, 59, 61, 67, 71, 72, 83, 84, 91, 92, 100, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 133, 134, 139, 130 and 131 represented.

Thirty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

It was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the reading of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communications be postponed until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that Brother Baker, Grand Secretary, wished him to inform the Grand Lodge that he was confined to the Bed of Sickness which prevented him from attending this Evening to the discharge of his duties in the Grand Lodge.

A Petition from divers ancient York Master Masons was read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Northumberland, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, to be named "Perseverance Lodge," and that Bro^r. William Taggart might be named the First W. Master; Bro^r. William McCay, the First Senior Warden, and Bro^r. James Lee, the First Junior Warden of the same.

Which Petition being duly recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 148.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Masons was read praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Village of Montrose, in the County of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, to be named "The Rising Sun Lodge," and that Bro. Jonah Brews-

ter might be named the First W. Master; Bro. Perez Perkins, the First Senior Warden, and Bro. William C. Turrell, the First Junior Warden.

Which Petition being duly recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 149.

A Petition from divers Ancient York Master Masons was read praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Troy, County of Bradford, Pennsylvania, to be named "Mount Moriah Lodge," and that Bro. Ezra Long might be named the First W. Master; Bro. Samuel McKean, the First Senior Warden, and Bro. Joseph C. Powell, the First Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 150.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the Election, when

Bro. Walter Kerr, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Master.

" Bayse Newcomb, junr., was duly re-elected R. W Deputy Grand Master.

" Joseph Barnes, was duly re-elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Brother Richard Bache, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, arose and stated that he declined a re-election. The Election was thereupon continued, when

Bro. Thomas Elliott, was duly Elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Lewis, was duly re-elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the Sixteenth Day of December Instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER, jun^r.,
Dep^y. Grand Secretary
and Grand Secretary Pro Tem.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th December, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. BAYSE NEWCOMB, jun^r., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.

" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

" Lambert Keatting, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" Josiah Randall, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.

" Thomas Amies, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

" William McCorkle, Deputy Grand Secretary.

" James McAlpin, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Samuel Lippincott, T., Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" James Forsythe, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.

" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.

" Richard Tybout, R. W. Past Grand Master.

" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.

" Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 21, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 83, 84, 114, 115, 121, 126, 128, 131, 133 and 139 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being Represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form, (the R. W. D. G. M. being in the Chair,) at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication of the 2nd September last, and of the Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communications of the 7th and 30th October last were read and approved.

Whereas, since the last Grand Quarterly Communication our late esteemed Brother, George A. Baker, Esquire, has become deceased, and whereas, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are anxious to display the most lively marks of respect for the memory of their deceased Friend, and to evince their gratitude for the many services rendered by him to the Craft during a long life, devoted to the Interests of the whole Family of mankind,

Therefore,

Resolved, That the Jewells, Hangings and other Furniture of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be placed in Mourning for the space of Six Months as a testimonial of respect for the Memory of their deceased Brother, George A. Baker, Esquire, late Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

The following Preamble and Resolution were offered and ordered to be laid on the Table, to wit:

Whereas, since the last Communication of this Grand Lodge it has pleased the Almighty Grand Master of the Universe to remove to his Eternal Grand Lodge our late Grand Secretary, the R. W. Brother George A. Baker, And Whereas, this Grand Lodge entertains the most exalted opinion of the worth of our said late Brother, and regard for his eminent services.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to receive Subscriptions from the Members of this Grand Lodge for the erection of a Marble monument with suitable inscription.

And on Motion made and Seconded, the above Resolution was amended by adding thereto, "All the deceased R. W. Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters of this R. W. Grand Lodge."

The following Resolution was offered and ordered to be laid on the Table, to wit:

Resolved, That the Emoluments of the Grand Secretary shall be limited to the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars per Annum, and that the Surplus beyond this Sum arising from the fees and perquisites attached to this office be paid over to the Grand Treasurer for the use of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee of Accounts made Report on the Account of Bro^r. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, for the last year, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"We, the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully Report, that we "have carefully examined the within Account of the Grand "Secretary from the 27th December, 1814, to the 30th Decem- "ber, 1815, and are of opinion the same is correct, leaving a "balance in favour of the Grand Lodge of Seven Dollars and "forty and one-half Cents. Philadelphia, 27th Nov^r., 1816.

(Sign'd) "WILLIAM PAGE, } Committee."
"MARK RICHARDS, }

Which Report was approved.

The Committee of Accounts made Report on the Account of Bro. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, for the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans for the last year which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"We, the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful "the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully report, that "we have carefully examined the within account of the Grand "Secretary in Account with the Grand Lodge of the Interest "on the Masonic Loans, and find the same correct, leaving a "balance of Interest not called for of Eighty Four Dollars, "which is laying deposited in Girard's Bank, as per Bank "Book. Philadelphia, 27th Novem^r., 1816.

(Sign'd) "WILLIAM PAGE, } Committee."
"MARK RICHARDS, }

Which Report was approved.

The Committee of Accounts made Report on the Account of Bro. Richard Bache, Grand Treasurer, for the last year which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"We the Committee of Accounts of the Right Worshipful "the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Respectfully report, that "we have carefully examined the within Account of the late "Grand Treasurer for the Year 1815, ending on the 27th "Decem^r., and find the same correct, leaving a Balance in "favour of the Grand Lodge of Six Hundred and Sixty Seven "Dollars, Ninety two Cents, which Sum has been paid to the "present Grand Treasurer.

(Sign'd) "WILLIAM PAGE, "MARK RICHARDS, } Committee."

Which Report was approved.

The Committee appointed to enquire whether the Spurious Lodge held in this City has a Warrant from any Masonic authority whatever, made Report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

"To the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Grand "Lodge last, 'to enquire whether the Spurious Lodge held in "this City called 'The Philadelphia Lodge, N°. 2,' have a "Warrant from any Masonic authority whatever,' beg leave "to report the following facts:

"That it appears a certain Ezra Ames, late General Grand "Scribe of a body styling themselves, The General Grand "Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, on the 19th day of "December, A. D. 1811, issued Letters of Dispensation author-"izing the formation of a Lodge of Mark Master Masons in "the City of Philadelphia, and empowering the Petitioners to "confer the Mark Master Mason's Degree upon tried and "worthy Master Masons. That it appears by the Regulations "of this Grand Chapter that such Letters of Dispensation "could according to their practice confer no authority what-"ever to make Master Masons, but simply to confer the de-"gree of Mark Master Mason upon tried and worthy Master "Masons. It likewise appears that these Letters of Dispensa-"tion issued by the said Ezra Ames were never ratified or "confirmed by the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the "U. States, nor have they been extended by any of the offi-

"cers of that body. It further appears that Thomas Smith "Webb, Esquire, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the "General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the U. States, on the "25th day of November, A. D. 1816, by Letters issued under "his Hand and Seal and directed to William G. Oliver, of "the City of Philadelphia, recalled the Letters of Dispensation "issued as aforesaid and required the said William G. Oliver "and his Associates to abstain hereafter from all assembling "together or conferring any degrees of Masonry under the "authority derived from the said Ezra Ames. The Commit-"tee annex a Copy of the Letters of Revocation issued by "their respectable Brother Thomas Smith Webb, and request "that the same be filed with and considered as part of their "Report.

"While your Committee find themselves obligated to ex-"press their regret that there should have been in the first "instance, any interference with the Masonic Jurisdiction of "the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, yet they state with pleas-"ure that every reparation that could be offered by the said "General Grand Chapter or its officers has been made, and "that they have evinced a desire to remain on terms of "brotherly love and friendship with this Grand Lodge, and to "abstain from collision on points in which these bodies are "known to disagree.

"Your Committee therefore conclude with the following "Resolution:

"Resolved, that the Committee be discharged from the "further consideration of the Subject."

"Philadelphia, 16th December, 1816.

(Sign'd) "B. Newcomb, junr.
"Jos. Barnes.
"Josiah Randall.

Which Report and Resolution were adopted. And

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit a Copy of the foregoing Report to Brother Franklin Davenport, Worshipful Master of Woodbury Lodge No. 11, New Jersey.

A Communication was received and read from a Committee of Managers of the Philadelphia Dispensary, and is as follows, to wit:

"To the President and Members of the Grand Lodge of "Pennsylvania:

"Gentlemen,

"When we received your contribution of fifty Guineas, "you expected that the privilege of recommending Patients "to the Philadelphia Dispensary was to extend to the North-"ern Liberties and to Southwark, as it was the practice at "that time to extend medical assistance to those parts. The "great increase of patients of latter years has made it imprac-"ticable for the Philadelphia Dispensary to continue its atten-"tion to patients out of the City. Two new Dispensaries have "accordingly been formed, one in the Northern Liberties and "in Southwark. As we cannot meet your expectations, we "now offer and wish to return to you the whole sum sub-"scribed. You will then have it in your power to make the "necessary arrangements with the three Dispensaries.

"With sentiments of esteem we are your friends.

(Sign'd) "SAMUEL P. GRIFFITTS, "ROBERT RALSTON, } "Committee of "Managers of "the Philadelphia Dispensary."

Which was ordered to be filed.

And on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to receive from the Philadelphia Dispensary the sum of Fifty Guineas Subscribed by this Grand Lodge.

A Petition was received and read from Bro. Bernard McCreedy, praying for a speedy investigation of his complaint against Bro. Wray, which was referred to the Committee appointed on his former Petition.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Brothers Bradford, Tybout and Barnes be a Committee to enquire into the expediency of vesting Fifty Guineas in a Dispensary.

A Communication containing the regulations of the Grand

Lodge of New Hampshire, as revised and amended, June, 1816, was received and read, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

Lodge No. 2, held at Philadelphia. A Communication dated 11th November, 1816, was read informing of the re-instatement of John Winnemore.

Lodge No. 22, held at Harrisburg. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 62, held at Reading. Return of Members.

Lodge No. 69, held at Chester. Election Return of June last.

Lodge No. 75, held at Charlestown, Chester County. Communication of the expulsion of E—— B——, on the 2 Nov^r., 1816, for non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 103, held at the Havanna. A Communication dated 19 Oct^r., 1816, was received and read, and referred to the Committee appointed to make enquiry into the conduct of Bro. Duler, late Proxy of said Lodge.

Lodge No. 113, held at Pittsburg. Election Return of December, 1815. Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues. Also, a communication from said Lodge No. 113, dated 29 Oct^r., 1816, was received and read, in which the Lodge remonstrates against the repeated and particularly the last raising of the fees charged by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge for Initiations, Dispensations, &c. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the above Remonstrance be referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Lodge No. 124, held in the Borough of Erie. A Commission duly Executed appointing Bro. Walter Kerr, Proxy of said Lodge, was received and read. Whereupon, Bro. Kerr was recognized as Proxy.

A Memorial dated 29 Nov^r., 5816, from the officers and Members of Lodge No. 127, was received and read, praying the Grand Lodge to sanction the re-instatement of G—— H—— in said Lodge, and referred to the Committee appointed on the expulsion of G—— H——.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on the Third Monday in January next at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

J. RANDALL, G^r. Sec^y., Pro Tem.

St. John the Evangelist's Day, Philadelphia, Friday, 27th December, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro. Walter Kerr, R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Richard Bache, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, jun^r., R. W. Grand Secretary, P. Tem.
" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" John L. Baker, Deputy Grand Secretary, Pro Tempore.
" Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" David McClure, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John P. Schott, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" James Harper, jun^r., Grand Marshal.
" William Stratton, Grand Pursuivant.
" Israel Israel, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Joseph Burden, R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.
" Thomas Armstrong, R. W. Past Junior Grand Warden.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 21, 45, 59, 67, 71, 72, 75, 84, 103, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 131, 141, 9 and 62 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock in the Morning.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was read, And thereupon the following Grand Officers Elect, were severally Installed into their respective Offices in Ancient and Solemn Form, to wit:

Bro. Walter Kerr, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Bayse Newcomb, jun^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Joseph Barnes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Brother George A. Baker, who had been re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary having departed this Life, the R. W. Grand

Master appointed Bro. George A. Baker, jun$^{r.}$ Grand Secretary, until an Election should take place.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the appointment by the R. W. Grand Master of a Grand Secretary, Pro Tempore, meets with the entire approbation of this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

Bro. Lambert Keatting, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Randal Hutchinson, Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev$^{d.}$ Bro. William Rogers, } Grand Chaplains.
" " George Potts, }
Bro. Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.
" William Wray, }
" Boyd Reilly, Grand Sword Bearer.
" James Harper, jun$^{r.}$ Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Entrikin, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz:

Bro. Bayse Newcomb, jun$^{r.}$ } Committee of Correspondence.
" Joseph Barnes, }
" James Harper, jun$^{r.}$ }
" William Page, } Committee of Accounts.
" Mark Richards, }
" Bernard Dahlgreen, }
" George A. Baker, jun$^{r.}$ } Committee to Examine the Bye Laws of Subordinate Lodges.
" Nathan R. Potts, }
" Thomas S. Manning, }
" Joseph Barnes, } Committee to examine the transactions of the last year and select for publication.
" Thomas Kittera, }
" Samuel Badger, }
" Samuel Lippincott, T., } Hall Committee.
" Frederick Erringer, }
" Thomas Amies, }
" James Harper, jun$^{r.}$ }
" Alphonso C. Ireland, }

The account of Bro. George A. Baker, deceased, late Grand

Secretary, respecting the Interest on the Masonic Loans for the present year was presented and read and referred to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and Report thereon.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Account for the past year, which was referred to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and Report thereon.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past Eleven o'clock in the Morning.

GEORGE A. BAKER, jun^r.,
Grand Secretary, Pro Tempore.

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